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Campsite explosion victim gives warning

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Your hot guide to the summer

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STEVE Riley-Snelling lost his wife to cancer just weeks after they got married. Now he is backing a new bill on assisted dying, due to go before the House of Lords on Friday.

■ Turn to page 5 to read his story

Firefighters' work ban is doused out

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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LAST minute talks have allowed firefighters who go on strike this week to return to work.

Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service was the only one in the country to ban staff, who are walking out for two to four hours over eight days in a row over retirement age and pensions, from finishing their shifts.

The move would have meant that the 300 firefighters – more than half of those working in the area – who are striking until Tuesday would have not be allowed to work, raising concerns over the public's safety.

But on Monday night the service held last ditch talks with the Fire Brigades Union (FBU) and reversed its decision, branded as 'vindictive' by its chairman.

Before the deal was made Steve Allen, chairman of the FBU for the southern region, said: "This wholly unnecessary decision will directly impact upon the safety of the public.

"It is a vindictive action by an employer to punish their firefighters for participating in lawful strike action. We're appealing to the fire authority to apply commonsense and let firefighters do their job."

The news was the most read story on our website – **www.mkweb.co.uk** – on Monday and yesterday, with readers saying the FBU's action was 'despicable' and 'scandalous'.

Mark Jones, chief fire officer for Buckinghamshire, said: "The purpose of not accepting part-shift performance was always to ensure that Bucks Fire did not sustain severe financial losses due to the contingency arrangements we have to put in place each time. I am satisfied that, for this set of strikes, enough money will have been saved to protect the public purse and we have therefore agreed to deduct wages only for the period of industrial action."

Assault on a shop worker was 'horrific'

POLICE have condemned a 'horrific' and 'unprovoked' assault on a member of staff at a betting shop.

The worker needed hospital treatment after being seriously injured by two Asian robbers who targeted the William Hill store in Queensway, Bletchley, at about 10pm on Thursday.

Investigating officer, Detective Constable Vince Higgins, of Milton Keynes Force CID, said: "This was an horrific and unprovoked attack on the member of staff resulting in serious injuries and him being hospitalised as a result.

"We are very keen to speak to anyone who may be able to identify the offenders, particularly by the description of their clothing."

The men, believed to be in their 20s, were roughly 5ft 6ins.

One was wearing a black track suit top with white inside the collar, while the other was wearing a white track suit top with fluorescent yellow stripes across the shoulders and down the side of each leg.

Anyone with information regarding this incident, or who recognises the description of the men, is urged to contact Milton Keynes CID on the 24-hour non-emergency number of 101.

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Bowl rubbish collections to be reviewed

MILTON Keynes Council is set to review the way rubbish is cleared up following gigs at The National Bowl after this year's concerts.

The move follows complaints from residents about the amount of litter near the venue, which played host to Pearl Jam and the Electric Daisy Carnival (EDC) at the weekend and Kings of Leon in June.

A council spokesman said: "The environment and waste team are aware of the 'hotspots' in terms of littering and additional crews were diverted to cleanse the areas and collected an extra four tonnes of refuse.

"Following this year's concerts at the bowl, we are reviewing our service provision for future events and are considering the best approach to recover any costs and ensure there is little or no impact on the service delivered to the residents."

Meanwhile, a fight broke out during the Calvin Harris set at the EDC when a man had his gold chain pulled off his neck and was hit on the head by two men – one white and one black.

If you saw the incident, at 4.20pm on Saturday, call 101.

Coming up

For our Pearl Jam and Electric Daisy Carnival picture special

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No respite: Paul Ridley can no longer afford the extra care for his son Keith after Milton Keynes Council introduced charges

Dad billed for respite care

BY SCOTT KIRK
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A FATHER who has an autistic son says he can no longer afford to pay for extra care for him after he was landed with a council bill.

Keith Ridley, 25, who has autism and epilepsy, has received free respite care for two days a week and one weekend a month for the past four years.

But last Saturday, Milton Keynes Council sent his dad Paul a bill for £71.55 for his weekend stay at the Carer's Short Breaks Service, in Mathieson Road, Bradville, despite Paul saying he had not received prior notice about charges.

"In a choice between my son having clothes and food or respite care then we will give him clothes and food," said Paul, 49, of Seddon Way, Wolverton.

A council spokesman said the charges have come in to bring adult learning disability care in line with that for physical disabled and older people.

It added service users had been written to and charges calculated so people could afford them.

Fraudster has appeal thrown out by judges

A FRAUDSTER who stole more than £265,000 using other people's identities – including that of a dead child – thoroughly deserved her tough jail term, top judges have said.

Yvonne Doyle, 64, of Ladymeadow Court, Middleton, used assumed names and pretended to be wheelchair-bound to make bogus benefit claims and obtain credit cards during 20 years of deception.

The scam artist was jailed for seven years at Reading Crown Court in December last year after she was found guilty of fraud and 17 further offences.

On Thursday, three senior judges at London's Appeal Court rejected a challenge by Doyle against her sentence, saying her punishment was 'nowhere near' excessive.

Doyle, *pictured* – who appeared via video link from prison – sobbed continually as her barrister argued that the judge exceeded sentencing guidelines, but Lady Justice Rafferty, sitting with Mr Justice William Davis and Judge Deborah Taylor, rebuffed the appeal.

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NineArt: The nine Milton Keynes College students who are currently holding a public exhibition

Art students put on display

A GROUP of first year fine art students from Milton Keynes College are holding exhibitions across the city.

Operating under the name NineArt, the students have been tasked with presenting work in public to interact with an audience.

The exhibition, which is being curated by the students, is open every day at the college's Silbury Campus until August 15 between 10am and 4pm.

Exhibitions will also take place at MK Gallery from August 22-27.

On Tuesday and Friday it will be open from noon to 8pm and on Saturday and Sunday between 11am and 5pm.

"It has taken a lot of time and work to get to this point," said Jody Bates, one of the students.

"It will be fantastic to show Milton Keynes what a small group of aspiring artists at Milton Keynes College can do."

Owner's upset after dog dies

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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A DOG owner is warning others to be on their guard after his bulldog died after she was taken for a walk in a field.

And since Marc Sharp's dog Poppy, *pictured*, died on Wednesday last week, a dead bullock has been discovered in the same field in Olney.

One-year-old Poppy had been taken for a walk in Water Meadows, near the River Great Ouse, by Marc's dad Michael when she began to find it hard to breath.

Seconds later she started to be sick and her tongue turned blue.

Marc, who lives in Lilly Hill, said: "My dad didn't see her eat anything but we had only just driven out of Olney to take her to the vets when she died."

He is still waiting for the results of Poppy's autopsy.

The 25-year-old , who owns Marc Andrews Salon in the Olney High Street, added: "Poppy used to come to work with me and everyone knew her. She was so cared for."

Following the death of Poppy and the bullock, a team from the Environment Agency took samples from the river next to the field but found no problems with the quality of the water.

A spokesman from Milton Keynes Council said: "We are aware of these incidents and we are looking into them, but there is nothing conclusive we can say at this stage."

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Burglars wake owner

A WOMAN was woken up when three burglars knocked on her door and forced their way into her property in Derwent Drive, Bletchley. The men entered the flat at 12.20am on July 10.

Man, 65, is tied up

A 65-YEAR-OLD man was tied up when he confronted burglars in his home in Hartfield Close, Kents Hill, at noon last Wednesday.

Lottery prize claimed

A PREVIOUSLY unclaimed £207,000 EuroMillions lottery ticket bought in MK has been claimed – five months after the winning draw.

A&E downgrade fear confirmed

MILTON Keynes Hospital could be downgraded in two potential options produced by a healthcare review.

At a meeting of the health and adult social care select committee last night, MK Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) confirmed five possible options, in which two showed MK downgraded from a major emergency centre.

Committee member Cllr Paul Williams was 'staggered' that one option downgraded MK to an urgent care centre.

CCG acting chief Mark Webb said all options would be 'thoroughly assessed'.

OAP murderer loses appeal

AN OAP jailed for strangling her terminally ill husband is set to die in prison after her sentence appeal was rejected.

Sheila Sampford, 73, insisted she killed husband John, 83, at their Bancroft home last July 'out of mercy' as he had just six months to live after being diagnosed with leukaemia.

But on Thursday judges at London's Appeal Court rejected her challenge to the nine-year sentence. They could 'not find any error' in the sentence.

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Why not use court to house the homeless?

THE Bletchley East councillor Mohammed Khan has raised the issue of demolition of Serpentine Court on the Lakes Estate (*'Court could be knocked down', MK NEWS, July 9*).

The councillor should realise the estate was built in the late 60s to accommodate a large number of people, mainly from London, for a short period of time after the Second World War.

The buildings were not meant to be for permanent use and the homes were not built to a high standard.

The estate has brought problems due to the large number of people who live there and the area is classified as socially deprived.

The demolition of the entire building and rehousing the people who are moving out will cost thousands of pounds.

The council is spending nearly one million pounds providing accommodation for homeless people in Milton Keynes (*'£880,000 spent on hotel beds for homeless people', MK NEWS, July 9*).

These homes could be used to accommodate homeless people who only want a temporary place to live.

The demolition of the entire estate is not practical and very expensive.

Name and address supplied

Midsummer madness

REGARDING your article on the possible expansion of the centre:mk over public highways, which came out of the recent workshops to revitalise Midsummer Boulevard (*'Idea of expansion for the centre:mk', MK NEWS, July 2*).

This extension would project as far as 18 metres, jutting out from the listed building and wiping out public footpaths and car parking.

Not only would this damage a landmark building, it would restrict access and could well be the end of Midsummer Boulevard as we know it.

This part of the boulevard does indeed need revitalising, but do we have to sell off public highways to do it? With vacant units within the shopping centre, as well as the empty Food Hall, the owners hardly need even more floor space.

What would really help bring this area to life is new development on the other side of the boulevard, including the large development site next to The Point.

At least, for now, they have scrapped the idea of pedestrianising the dual carriageway from the market towards the theatre.

But I am still suspicious of the proposal to create a number of outdoor 'rooms' and make the area from the market to Midsummer Place a pedestrian zone.

This new 'carpeted' area outside The Point is proposed as some sort of city square, but the term 'carpeted' rather hides the real intention, which is to level part of the road. This would open up the prospect of leveling the remainder of Midsummer Boulevard in the future and who, I wonder, would want that?

Anyone who understands how MK works knows that progress is possible without destroying what we have, including spacious boulevards and fantastic access, just to become like other cramped, high-density cities that struggle to cope with change.

John Wilson
Sent via email

Charge for pink sacks

SINCE pink recycle bags were introduced, I've never understood why they are handed out for free (*'Pink sacks are on the way back to Milton Keynes, MKWeb*).

My household has an excellent record on recycling – we generate one black bag every two to three weeks, a green bin of food and garden waste and use many pink sacks for recycling purposes.

I'd be happy to pay 5p per pink sack (a fee affordable to everyone, regardless of income) because recycling means less landfill.

However, the reality of pink sacks is that many people use them as general purpose bags because they are free. Common uses include bags for moving house, drop sheets for decorating and temporary roof fixes.

Handing out free refuse sacks is a stupid idea which should be outlawed along with supermarket carrier bags. Decent people will buy black/pink sacks and recycle. Everyone can afford to so there's no excuse to waste taxpayers' money on a gimmick.

When councillors vote to spend an extra £200,000 a year on pink sacks, they are merely damaging our environment – as supermarkets do – at the expense of those who pay council tax.

John Baker
Aspley Guise

Going down right road

REGARDING your story about funding for Bletchley rail station and dualling the A421.

The cash for both is badly needed and very welcome.

The A421 duel carriageway is a must. The stretch from MK to J13 has claimed so many lives through sheer reckless driving. I've never felt safe travelling along there.

Name and address supplied

Views on 'warning for cyclists' article

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I ALWAYS 'think bike' at a roundabout and I move my head to make sure my windscreen post doesn't prevent me from seeing cyclists.

Proactive anticipation of all road users will prevent accidents. I'm a cyclist and I'm fed up with drivers who forget to consider other types of road users. In that split second of impatience a cyclist could be killed. Is it really worth the rush?

Vonnie Raw

THERE are more cyclists on the roads over the last couple of years, quite possibly, in part, due to the cost of running a car.

It should be safe enough, there is plenty of space for all users.

There is little excuse for not seeing a cyclist passing a few feet in front of the car.

Mike Wright

I THINK car drivers should slow down before roundabouts.

We are all human and can make mistakes, but if a car driver makes a mistake then unfortunately the damage is a lot greater.

Brian Barlow

AS A car driver I am realising that in MK our brains are not really in the habit of noticing cyclists on busy main roads.

I recently bought a bike and I'm nervous to ride it even in my estate as I've only just learnt the safety rules for cyclists and I've noticed that cars going past me don't know them either.

Gemma McCann

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His column written exclusively for MK NEWS

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Regret over not helping wife die

A happy day: Tracy and Steve Riley-Snelling celebrate their wedding day. Just a few weeks later Tracy died of cancer

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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A HUSBAND who lost his wife to cancer just seven weeks after they got married is fighting for the law to be changed on assisted suicide.

After giving his views in the House of Lords a few weeks ago, Steve Riley-Snelling will be returning on Friday to find out whether the bill on assisted dying will be passed to the House of Commons.

The 58-year-old from Newton Leys says he regrets not being able to help end his wife Tracy's suffering. Instead the 49-year-old died 'in agony' from stomach cancer in October 2013.

He said: "The Christmas after she was diagnosed in 2012 she talked about Dignitas, an assisted dying centre in Switzerland, and she said hopefully the chemotherapy would work, but if it didn't she wanted to choose when she went."

It was Tracy's dying wish for the couple to get married and they tied the knot the following September. But as a result, Tracy did not have enough time left to go to Switzerland for the two appointments required.

Tracy deteriorated quickly after the wedding and needed to be on a 24-hour drip and a cocktail of drugs.

"I feel so guilty", added Steve, "but it wasn't clear and they don't offer any advice in the UK."

Steve said at times he thought of helping his wife to die, adding: "She died in agony without having a choice."

Since Tracy's death, Steve has fought alongside campaign group Dignity in Dying for assisted dying to be approved.

He wants the UK to be more like Oregon in America where assisted dying gives sick people the choice to end their lives.

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School safe stolen

BURGLARS broke into a school and stole an old safe and other pieces of equipment. The offenders opened a window to enter Drayton Park School in Bletchley between 10.34pm and 11.40pm on Saturday.

Bishops welcomed

THE ARCHDEACON of Buckingham has said she hopes to see a female bishop representing Milton Keynes 'in our lifetime'. The Ven. Karen Gorham was on the General Synod that voted in favour of allowing women bishops on Monday.

Top award for park

BLETCHLEY Park – home of the codebreakers – has received a TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellence award for the third year running. The award is in honour of its 'hospitality excellence'.

Pregnant woman hit by van

A PREGNANT mother was hit by a van as it was reversing in a busy street.

Jackie Barnett, from Shenley Lodge, had just got out of her red Ford Focus with her four-year-old daughter near Fur and Purr Pet Shop in Stony Stratford's High Street when the Vauxhall Astra van drove into her at about 10am on Monday. The driver then drove off.

Jackie had to go to Milton Keynes Hospital for a check-up to make sure her 31-week-old baby was okay and has since been sharing her ordeal on social networking site Facebook.

She added that the van narrowly missed hitting her daughter as well and that the driver 'should be off the road'.

The driver is described as in his late 40s to early 50s and had a male passenger in his 20s. Police are making enquiries and any witnesses should call 101.

CCTV of robbery suspect

POLICE have released a CCTV image of a man they would like to speak to in connection with the robbery of a pensioner at a cashpoint.

Hilary Saunders, 70, was withdrawing money from the cash machine outside the Co-op in New Bradwell when she was approached from behind by a man.

He then stole her purse and ran off in the incident, which took place at 1pm on May 26.

Three men chased after the offender to recover the purse, but lost sight of the robber.

■ To view the CCTV and for more on this story, visit www.mkweb.co.uk

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Working hard: Dr David S Neal has been working on his abbey paintings for the past two years

Have a brush with paintings

A RESIDENT has been making detailed paintings of the medieval Cosmati platform mosaics in front of the High Altar at Westminster Abbey for the past two years.

Dr David S Neal, from Little Brickhill, will be painting more of his intricate work during an exhibition at St Mary's Church in the village on July 26 and 27 between 2pm and 6pm.

The paintings record the alterations and repairs to the mosaics over almost 750 years.

At half past the hour, Dr Neal will give a short talk on the project and there will be displays detailing the work.

There will also be the chance for kids to 'excavate' a mosaic and to make them in paper.

"I'm still working on the painting and I've really enjoyed working on it," said Dr Neal.

Tickets to the display cost £3 for adults and 50p for children.

Worry over GP waiting times

BY JAMES AVERILL

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CONCERNS have been raised over whether there is enough space at GP surgeries to cope with population demands in the east of MK.

Worried councillors believe that more needs to be done after it emerged that some patients are waiting as long as six weeks for appointments with their doctors.

David Hopkins, a Conservative ward councillor in Danesborough, said: "Members of the Eastern Flank Stakeholders Group were, I know, horrified to hear at a recent meeting that there is a six week wait for a doctor's appointment on the eastern side of MK – this is not an acceptable situation in any sense."

John Bint, a fellow Conservative in Broughton, added: "The problems for our ward are very simply that available capacity is not reaching current demand.

"Meanwhile NHS England is saying Milton Keynes has too many surgeries. It does not believe there is any need to reopen Willen as we have too many surgeries."

Kim Foy-Olowu, practice manager at Milton Keynes Village Practice, said: "I think it's fair to say that demand outstrips capacity. Since April 1 this year the surgery has taken on an additional 862 patients."

No-one from NHS England was available at the time of going to press.

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Labour chiefs meet

CRUCIAL talks between the Labour Party and its affiliated unions will take place at Kents Hill Park over the weekend as it holds its National Policy Forum.

Nightclub assault

A BOY aged 17 from MK was arrested on suspicion of assault after a man was punched on the WonderWorld nightclub dancefloor on Friday. He has since been released on police bail.

Man punched in face

A MAN was punched in the face in an unprovoked attack near the Brunel Centre, Bletchley, at 11.20am on Saturday.

School petition to be handed in

A PETITION calling for the expansion of an overcrowded school is due to be handed in to Milton Keynes Council tonight.

Nearly 200 people have signed the online petition, asking for the council to assess the demand for places at Oxley Park Academy.

We revealed earlier this month that for September 2014, only children living within 320 metres of the entrance could be accepted.

Alternative options include providing temporary classrooms.

For an update from the meeting visit mkweb.co.uk

'No' to free Wi-Fi on trains

LONDON Midland has said it has 'no plans' to introduce free Wi-Fi to its rail customers travelling from Milton Keynes.

Cllr Rob Middleton, cabinet member for resources, efficiencies and growth, had written to the rail group this week asking them to match Virgin Trains, which will expand free Wi-Fi access to all customers as part of its franchise extension to 2017.

But a London Midland spokesman said there were 'no plans' due to 'huge costs'.

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Residents receive one free roll of 26 black sacks but once these run out you can buy any type of black refuse sack available from retail outlets, but additional black sacks are available to purchase at £1.75 per roll of 26 from all three Community Recycling Centres.

Cllr Mick Legg, Cabinet Member responsible for Environment and Waste, said: "Milton Keynes Council works with our partner Serco to ensure this huge undertaking goes smoothly. Residents can look up when they can expect their delivery on our website – the council is committed to having pink sacks readily available to residents and will shortly be undertaking a review to see if we can increase the number of pink sack outlets available across the borough."

To find out when you will receive your next delivery of sacks, visit our website at www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/sackdelivery and key in your street name or call the Environmental Services Contact Centre on 01908 252570.

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Improvements to MK roundabouts

BY JAMES AVERILL
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RESURFACING work will take place to improve roundabouts on some of the city's major traffic routes.

The roundabouts in need of repair were identified by Milton Keynes Council and the work will be carried out by Ringway, the authority's contractor for highways maintenance.

It is part of a plan of highway improvements costing the council £50million and work on each roundabout is expected to last three to four days from 9.30am to 4.30pm.

The roundabouts will be closed for certain stages of the work, with diversion routes signposted.

Mick Legg, cabinet member for public realm, said: "Better road surfaces means less damage such as potholes and improvements for road users."

WHEN THE WORK STARTS

- Redbridge – Monday
- Coffee Hall – Thursday, July 24
- Elfield Park – Wednesday, July 30
- Kents Hill – Tuesday, August 5
- Ashland – Monday, August 11
- Rooksley – Friday, August 15
- Bancroft – Wednesday, August 20
- Tattenhoe – Monday, August 25

New man on the block: Charles Ashbury is the new CMK warden

Meet new warden Charles

THE city centre is set to look better than ever after a new warden was appointed.

Charles Ashbury has been charged by Milton Keynes City Centre Management and CMK Town Council to appraise pathways, gardens and squares to ensure they are safe, well presented and enjoyable for all.

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Work for Us: MP Esther McVey, who now sits in David Cameron's cabinet

Minister pays visit to charity

A MINISTER who has been given a seat in the Prime Minister's new cabinet visited the city on Monday.

Esther McVey, Minister of State for Employment, visited Work for Us to find out more about the charity.

City MPs Mark Lancaster and Iain Stewart said she enjoyed her visit and took some ideas back to Westminster. Yesterday she was given a seat on the cabinet in a reshuffle by David Cameron, but will keep the same role.

Switch off electricity for project

BY SCOTT KIRK
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ORGANISERS of an energy-saving project are asking residents on an estate to switch their electricity off every Monday throughout August.

Residents who have signed up to Western Power's Less is More project in Tinkers Bridge will be sent a reminder by text to switch off all electricity for seven minutes at 7pm on Mondays to see what impact this will have on data graphs for the area, which tell the public how much power they are using.

Project figures show the peak time for electricity is between 5pm and 8pm when people come home from work and school and the scheme is looking at ways to save power.

In return, residents in Tinkers Bridge can win their community up to £5,000, as well as shopping vouchers.

The money is rewarded to communities based on the amount of electricity they are able to save.

"I think the project is going really well and our residents are working really hard to save electricity," said Teresa Marshall, engagement officer at Woughton Community Council, which is helping Western Power with the project.

So far 32 households in Tinker's Bridge have signed up to the project.

Another Less is More scheme is currently running in Loughton, as well as in eight other locations across Britain.

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Burglars targeted by police

BY SCOTT KIRK
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PEOPLE who are spotted on the streets in an area of the city late at night could be stopped and questioned by police who are trying to catch burglars.

Patrols have been stepped up in the Woughton area and an extra officer assigned to the neighbourhood after a rise in burglaries, particularly of older residents.

PCSO Paul Colborne is now working primarily on the Netherfield estate, PCSO Sabrina Stobbs is working on Coffee Hall and PCSO Colin Cooper is showing new recruit Alex Barker around Eaglestone and Leadenhall along with the rest of the Woughton area.

"Sadly we have seen a small rise in burglaries recently right across the neighbourhood with some of our older residents in particular falling victim to this dreadful crime," said Richard Colson, sergeant for south neighbourhoods in Milton Keynes for Thames Valley Police.

"We have been stepping up our patrols and are working with other police resources to target suspects.

"Some of you may be stopped and questioned by the team if you are out overnight as we patrol the area seeking to gain better intelligence and catch those responsible.

"Reporting your suspicions to the police really does help us deal with criminality in the area."

Call police on 101 if you have any information about burglaries in the area.

Big day: Ian and Sarah with the cake

Costa creation is icing on the cake

A COUPLE who had their first date in a popular coffee shop asked it to make its first wedding cake for their big day.

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Tree campaign has failed to take root

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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A CAMPAIGN to save a weeping willow tree has been felled by Milton Keynes Council before it has even put down roots.

Residents and parents of children at Knowles Primary School, in Bletchley, have been campaigning to save the tree from the axe.

Located next to the playground at the school, it is being removed to make way for a new ball court as part of its expansion.

According to the campaign group – led by Samantha Pancheri, chairman of MK Young Greens – a recent tree survey showed that it was healthy and had many years of life left.

Samatha said: "This is a beautiful, healthy tree.

"When the council granted planning permission for the expansion developments, there was no mention whatsoever of killing this tree."

She added many people had 'fond memories' of playing under the tree and the group had asked the council to put a protection order on it and carry out a proper consultation with the public.

However, a council spokesman said: "The final phase in the expansion of Knowles Primary School is to create new play spaces, staff and parent parking and provide a secure site boundary. A planning application was submitted and has been approved.

"The willow is being removed to facilitate the creation of a ball court, which will provide the school with the required play space it needs as part of its expansion to 630 pupils.

"The council will be replacing the tree with a new specimen at an agreed location on the school site."

Tree: Samantha Pancheri with son Ted and Cllr Liz Campbell who backed the campaign

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Charles Warren Academy is a good school!

Charles Warren Academy

Staff and pupils are celebrating their best ever inspection result after Ofsted graded Charles Warren Academy "Good".

The Academy has officially been awarded a "Good" grade in a glowing report by inspectors: "All groups of pupils make good progress and by the time they leave they are well prepared for the next stage of their education."

"The behaviour of pupils is good. They get on well together." "There is a strong ambition to raise achievement for all pupils. This is communicated effectively to all staff by the Principal."

Ofsted inspectors' key findings were that:

- **Pupils behave well in lessons and around the school. The school is a cohesive community and there are good quality relationships at all levels**
- **Teaching assistants are trained well and work well with smaller groups of pupils to question carefully, check how well pupils are doing with their work and deepen their understanding**
- **There has been a rapid improvement in the development of pupils' skills in understanding letters and sounds**
- **Higher-ability pupils are sufficiently challenged at the school and the rapid changes in achievement, particularly at Key Stage 1, and the outstanding progress some individual pupils have made demonstrate this**
- **Teachers have high expectations of pupils' progress.**
- **Pupils are courteous and polite**
- **Pupils say they feel safe and know that there is always an adult they can talk to**

The Academy was singled out for the way it manages a fully inclusive environment "Pupils who have much more difficulty in managing their behaviour for themselves receive bespoke support. The school knows the community which it serves well and works closely with families."

Principal, Gary Wakefield, who took over the reins of the academy in September, commended staff and pupils for their hard work in achieving such a fantastic result. He said: "I know how hard everyone has worked since the last inspection and in the final preparations. I can't thank everyone enough for the support they have provided." "Achievement of this Ofsted grade is a milestone for the academy. It converted to an academy in September 2012 and was labelled a failing school. The Academy sponsors, The Academies Enterprise Trust have supported the school well and this is a fantastic achievement for the school and the AET."

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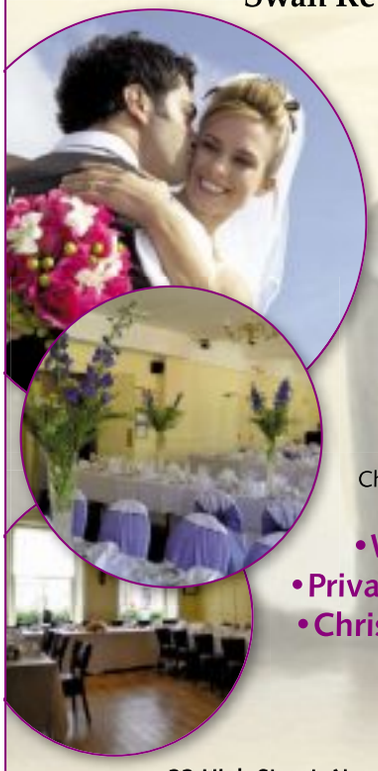

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Help needed: Hasnain Datoo, one of the organisers with Give Something Back, is looking for volunteers to help fill backpacks at the end of the month that will be handed out to vulnerable people in Milton Keynes

Help the vulnerable

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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A CHARITY is hoping to bring the community together to help the homeless and mothers who are struggling to make ends meet.

Give Something Back has joined forces with the Zainabiya Islamic Centre in Granby to run its campaign, Give A Backpack.

It is looking for volunteers to help fill more than 1,000 backpacks at the centre, which will be distributed by housing and homeless charity Shelter in the South East, including Milton Keynes.

They will contain items like toothpaste, toothbrush, scarf, gloves and hat and food like soup and biscuits.

After contacting Shelter for advice, Give Something Back also learnt about a new demand from struggling mothers and backpacks including baby formula and nappies will also be provided.

The packs will be given to people of all ages, ethnicities and beliefs.

Are the backpacks a good idea? Tell us at **mkweb.co.uk/news**

Nabil Haider, Give Something Back's media coordinator, said: "There is a lot of suffering all over the UK and sometimes we don't see what's on our doorstep. We want to bring the community of MK together to create these backpacks for the vulnerable."

The packing sessions will take place at the centre on July 26 and 27.

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William zooms in on film prize

BY SCOTT KIRK
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A DEAF filmmaker could be jetting off to LA after reaching the final five of a national competition, thanks to Dame Helen Mirren.

William Horsefield, 19, has been chosen as a finalist in the Dream to Screen initiative launched by Cineworld Foundation and Media Trust.

Fending off more than 500 young hopefuls, William's entry was selected as one of the top five by a panel of judges from the film industry, including Dame Helen Mirren and BAFTA's chief executive, Amanda Berry.

He will now be mentored by TV and multi-platform creative executive, Basi Akpabio, who will help him produce a short film.

William has also won industry-standard equipment to produce his film and will go up against the other finalists in a public vote from September 1.

The winner will have their work shown in Cineworld cinemas across the UK and Ireland and will receive an exclusive, all expenses paid trip to LA to learn from Hollywood's leading talent, provided and organised by 20th Century Fox.

William, of Bolbeck Park, said: "I'm very honoured to work with a mentor who has a lot of experience and knowledge within the industry."

He added that he hopes his work will help raise deaf awareness.

Camera action: William Horsefield and, *inset*, Dame Helen Mirren

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Remembering PCs who fell in the war

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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A DISPLAY honouring the police officers who died in the First World War has been opened.

The exhibition at Central Milton Keynes Police Station has been put together following hours of research by the MK branch of Thames Valley Police, retired police officer Mick Shaw, from Bradwell Village, and the Buckinghamshire Historical Society.

During the war 78 of the 225 members of the Bucks Constabulary – the police force for Buckinghamshire until 1968 – were either reservists or volunteered to fight. Fifteen police constables did not return home.

The Bucks Constabulary WW1 Memorial Display was opened by Acting Detective Chief Inspector for Thames Valley, Suzette Allcorn, and police chaplain the Rev Andy Jowitt.

Open until September, it features the men's names, letters, medals, batons and uniforms.

How are you marking centenary of the war? mkweb.co.uk/contribute

To remember: Jamie Stimpson and Debbie Clewes from Jubilee branch

Legion's balloon launch

A BRANCH of the Royal British Legion will hold a balloon launch to mark the centenary of the First World War.

The event on August 4 has been organised by the Jubilee branch to mark the 100th anniversary of Britain going to war.

The launch and a parade will take place at stadiummk from 11.30am. The national anthem will be performed by music duo Jamie Stimpson and Mr Vee who want younger people to remember the war.

Jamie said: "Life wouldn't be like it is now if the First World War hadn't happened."

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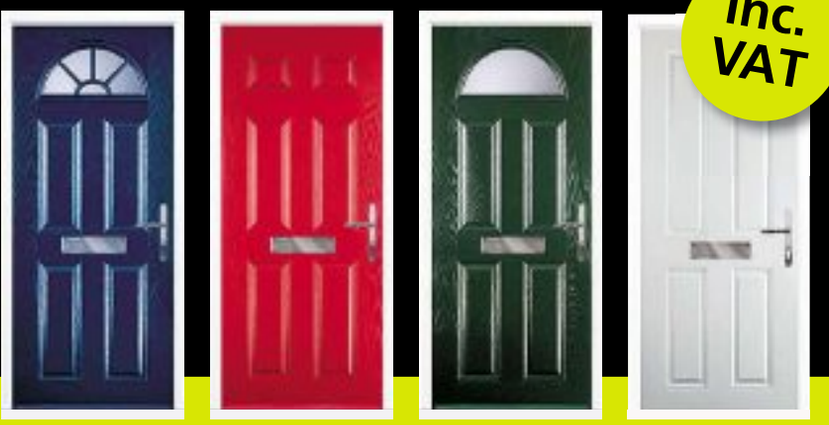

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It's all a load of rubbish: Milton Keynes' mayor and Monkston ward councillor Subhan Shafiq says there is a problem with rubbish in the Monkston area of the city, something which Milton Keynes Council says it will look into

Bid to tackle waste

BY SCOTT KIRK
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PROBLEMS with rubbish on a city estate will be looked into by Milton Keynes Council.

And the authority is planning to set up an education programme to tackle the wider issue of litter in the borough.

Mayor Subhan Shafiq, the Lib Dem ward councillor for Monkston on Milton Keynes Council, says there is an ongoing issue with rubbish because bins are left to overflow.

He would like to see them emptied more than once a month in hotspots including Tewkesbury Lane and Plaistow Crescent in Monkston Park and the Redway which goes down Lindisfarne Drive and onto Tesco in Kingston.

"The bins are overflowing and there are a lot of problems on the redway towards Kingston from Monkston Park," said Cllr Shafiq.

A Milton Keynes Council spokesman said: "We will be sending out a team to assess the area and consider the options but we need to educate residents not to drop waste in the first place.

"That is why the council's waste education work will receive a boost in the autumn as our partner Serco and its supplier Wastebusters will be working with the council to develop and implement an environmental education programme."

Lib Dem councillors also claim flytipping has risen in the area, but the council spokesman said numbers in the city had fallen from 6,038 in 2011-12 to 4,395 in 2013-14.

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Donations grow after farm arson

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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A CHARITY targeted by arsonists has been overwhelmed by people's kindness and support.

Urban Garden in Windsor Street, Wolverton, was struck by two arson attacks in just three weeks, which damaged scarecrows and chicken houses and destroyed fruit and vegetables and a polytunnel greenhouse worth £1,500.

Since the attacks residents have donated a CCTV camera, plants and pots to Growing People, a horticultural social enterprise which is part of Milton Keynes Christian Foundation and is based at the farm.

One woman has even donated a polytunnel, which was delivered this week.

Florie Bryant, Growing People's team leader, said: "One or two people caused the damage but hundreds are supporting us.

"Volunteers had helped plant a lot of tomatoes the day before the second fire and it was really demoralising for them. The tomatoes are our best selling produce and we supply local restaurants and cafes so a large stream of our income has gone."

Farm: Florie Bryant and volunteers building the new polytunnel

The charity works with young people aged 15-19 from all races, religions and backgrounds and Growing People teaches them about horticulture, as well as providing support with maths and English.

The arsons happened about 11pm and midnight on July 3 and overnight on June 18.

Florie, 24, added: "Every little helps and if other people could donate fruit and vegetable seeds and plants we would really appreciate it."

To donate items email florence.byrant@mkchristianfoundation.co.uk

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Above: Bass guitarist Jeff Ament entertains the crowd
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bowl in for big gigs

Pearl Jam: Lead singer Eddie Vedder performing at The National Bowl. The band played for more than three hours on Friday night Pictures by Andy Handley

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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THE National Bowl played host to two huge events at the weekend.

American rock band Pearl Jam kick-started it on Friday night when they played more than three hours of their songs to fans from all over the world.

Electric Daisy Carnival (EDC) saw DJs including Calvin Harris, Avicii and Danny Howard entertain the crowds on the three stages.

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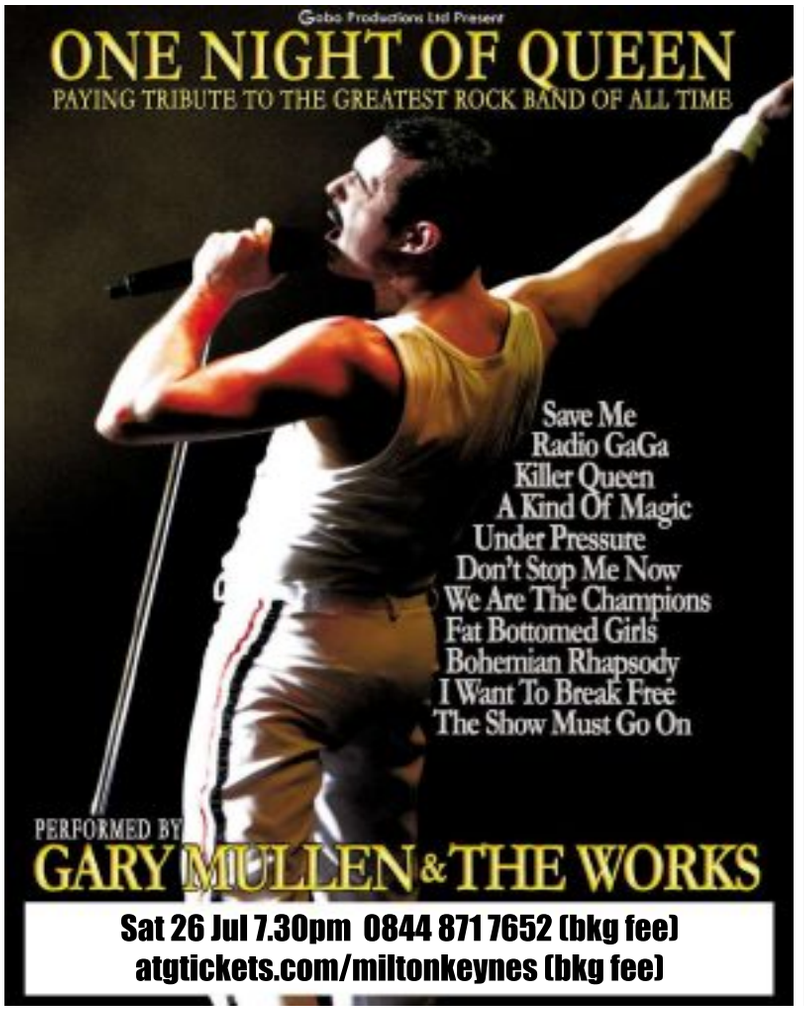

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Victim's warning to festival-goers

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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A FESTIVAL-GOER is warning others about the dangers of gas canisters after an explosion led to her needing two operations.

Georgina Chalmers, 27, from Wolverton, went to Camp Bestival in Dorset last August to help run art activities with children.

She was making lunch with her friends when the cooker ran out of gas.

She followed the instructions on the new canister but it began to leak and caught light from a nearby cooker, causing her to be engulfed by a fireball.

She was airlifted to Bristol Hospital and suffered 28 per cent burns to her body, including her legs, feet, bum, arm, ears and back.

Following the accident she required two operations and had to be fed through a tube.

She also had to endure months of hospital treatment and physiotherapy in Bristol and Stoke Mandeville Hospital.

Georgina, who works for Network Rail in Milton Keynes, said: "The gas started coming out and I just panicked. The flames engulfed me as I ran away.

"I took all the precautions when cooking, I wasn't in or near a tent and I hadn't had anything to drink."

The gas canister Georgina used had no safety valve and these have been banned in France and by UK Scout groups. However, you can still buy them in any outdoor specialist store.

Georgina added: "If the canister I had been using had a safety valve the explosion wouldn't have happened.

"If you have one like this please throw it away – it is not worth the risk."

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Running: The fundraisers from Frosts

Criticism over staff levels at city prison

BY JAMES AVERILL
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STAFFING levels at HMP Woodhill have been criticised by the Howard League for Penal Reform.

Figures published by the organisation on Friday show that the number of prison officers at the Category A jail reduced from 452 in September 2010 to 330 in September 2013.

Frances Crook, chief executive of the Howard League for Penal Reform, said of the latest figures: "The prison system is at breaking point.

"Everyone should be concerned at the crisis in prisons. They are not just failing, they are dangerous."

But Prisons Minister Jeremy Wright said the figures presented 'a misleading picture'.

The news follows our front page story last month on how staffing levels had decreased, with governor David Hutton admitting it was compromising the safety of both staff and prisoners.

Coroner Tom Osborne had said he would write to the Secretary of State for Justice to request a review into staffing levels following a number of deaths at the prison.

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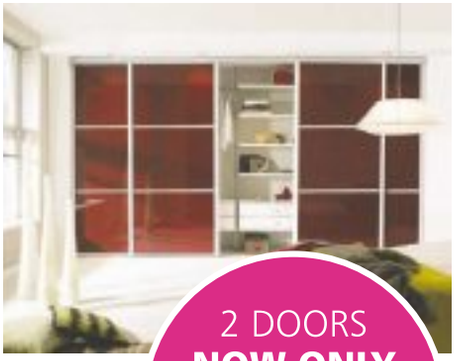

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Fighter: Ben Markus is still playing his guitar

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A MUSICIAN who was given just 12 months to live two years ago has released another album.

Ben Markus, from Peartree Marina, continues to make music while receiving chemotherapy after being diagnosed with prostate cancer in January 2012.

He has made Going Home, with his Markus Band, which is available to order from Amazon for £10.60.

Plan for bigger MK Wonderland

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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FOLLOWING the success of last year's Mini Wonderland MK, members of the group are getting back together to hold a bigger and better event this winter.

Mini Wonderland MK was set up by a group of residents after Winter Wonderland MK was cancelled following complaints last December.

It featured a Santa's grotto, arts and craft activities and ice skating at MKIce.

The event raised £541 for MKIce and team member David Cattigan, 27, from Wolverton Mill, hopes this year's event will be even more successful. The not for profit event will be held in December and include all last year's activities and more.

David said: "We hope to have facepainters, balloon animals and a raffle with some great prizes.

"As I read in MK NEWS, even though it is seven months since Winter Wonderland MK, people are still suffering.

"We want to create an even bigger wonderland."

The team has already got Santa on board with his grotto and some presents but is still looking for a venue, sponsorship and more gifts.

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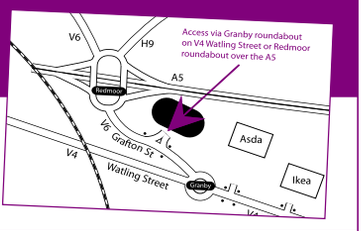

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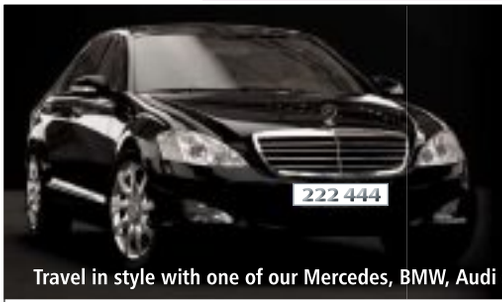

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Union strikes cause city schools to close

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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TEACHERS and council workers went on strike on Thursday in a row over pay.

The strikes meant more than 30 schools in Milton Keynes were closed.

However, Milton Keynes Council said it was 'business as usual' for other services after refuse collectors, carers and social workers also walked out.

The strikes took place all over the UK and included members of the Public and Commercial Services union (PCS), UNISON, GMB and the National Union of Teachers (NUT), who are unhappy with the Government's plan to freeze or cap their pay.

According to Kate Douglas, a PCS member from the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) in Buckinghamshire, a quarter of members are so low paid they have to claim benefits.

Jenny Richardson, 45, from Loughton, works at the DWP and represented PCS at the strikes outside MK's Civic Offices.

Strikes: Union members on the picket line outside the Civic Offices. They are in a dispute with the Government over pay

She said: "A lot of our staff are being forced to be on tax credits.

"Everyone relies on public services and if we don't fight against Government cuts now there will be nothing left."

One resident disagreed with the strikes on MKWeb commenting: "They achieve nothing but impact other hard working people, who have also seen their salaries go down.

"We are in the grips of a financial straitjacket."

Another person said: "They get a good fair wage – more then many private sector workers."

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Ready for action: The team from the OU who will be appearing on BBC Two's University Challenge

Fingers on buzzers

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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A TEAM of top students from The Open University (OU) will appear on a popular TV quiz show.

The news the team from the OU, based in Milton Keynes, would appear on University Challenge, hosted by Jeremy Paxman, was announced on BBC Two in a behind the scenes episode – Class of 2014 – which tracked the contestants through the application process. They went through a tough selection process and an interview with the programme's production team.

The team of five were selected by the OU Students' Association from a pool of more than 300 applicants.

It comprises team captain Lynne Jones, who is studying for a BA Hons open degree, Gary Male, who is doing a bachelor of science (BSc) in mathematics and statistics, Kate Law, who is working towards a bachelor of engineering, Stuart Taylor, who is doing a postgraduate diploma in development management and Daniele Gibney, who is studying for a BSc in social sciences.

The OU Students' Association's vice-president, Jon Rainford, said: "We are really proud of the team and can't wait to see them."

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Two teams set off from Barclays in Dunstable and in Kettering as part of a fundraising drive for Milton Keynes, Luton, Bedford, Lister, Northampton and Kettering hospitals.

Twenty-three riders cycled 120 miles (60 miles between each team) to the Barclays in MK, stopping off at other branches along the way.

'Like a phoenix from the ashes'

BY SCOTT KIRK
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THE managing director of a city business believes Milton Keynes Chamber is like a 'phoenix rising out of the ashes.'

The organisation, which supports MK's businesses, celebrated its first birthday on Friday and one of those helping it celebrate was Jacqui Wilkins, MD of Visual Identity, which is a member of the chamber.

The company was also a member of the Milton Keynes and North Bucks Chamber of Commerce, before it went bust in February 2013.

"It's a phoenix from the ashes situation," Mrs Wilkins said. "There was a poor perception of the new chamber to begin with and that is why it has done so well."

The chamber currently has 211 members and chief executive Paul Griffiths said the aim is to attract more. There are also plans to launch a business to business magazine in November.

Mr Griffiths said a highlight of the past year was a round-table discussion for members with former transport secretary Lord Andrew Adonis.

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BY SCOTT KIRK
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FANS of MK Dons have thanked the chairman of its supporters' association after he stepped down from the post after almost a decade.

John Brockwell has been involved with the association since the club moved to the city in 2003 and has been chairman since 2005.

He retired last week and will be replaced by Adam Faiers, who he hopes will bring fresh ideas and a new direction to the group.

"I didn't do this job for the thanks, but it's nice when people do that," said the 55-year-old.

"I'm a little bit tired of battling now and we don't need to do that anymore as we've become more accepted."

In his time he has overseen several challenges, including setting up an official agreement with AFC Wimbledon over who should own trophies won by the original team and stopping boycotts of the club from away fans.

Then and now: John Brockwell in 2003, *left*, when the Dons played at the National Hockey Stadium that has now been replaced by Network Rail's HQ

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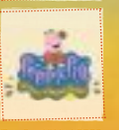

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- 23rd – Saturday - Macmillan Cancer Support Fundraising Day. To include the following: 5 Lap Walk around the Ski Lake, Duck Race, Raffle
- 24th - Bank Holiday Sunday

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Wednesday 10:30 - 2pm + 4pm - 8pm
Thursday 10:30 - 7:30pm
Friday 11:30 - 2pm + 4pm - 8pm
Saturday 10:30 - 2pm
Sunday 10:30 - 4:30pm

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General Swim times:
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Tuesday 10:30 - 4pm + 6pm - 8pm
Wednesday 10:30 - 8pm
Thursday 10:30 - 8pm
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Saturday 09:00 - 2pm
Sunday 09:00 - 6pm

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Monday 06:30 - 9:30pm
Tuesday 06:30 - 10pm
Wednesday 06:30 - 8pm + 9pm - 10pm
Thursday 06:30 - 7:30pm + 8:30pm - 10pm
Friday 06:30 - 2pm + 4pm - 9pm
Saturday 07:30 - 2pm
Sunday 08:30 - 10:30 + 2pm - 4:30pm

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Monday 10:30 - 12:00
Tuesday 4 - 6pm
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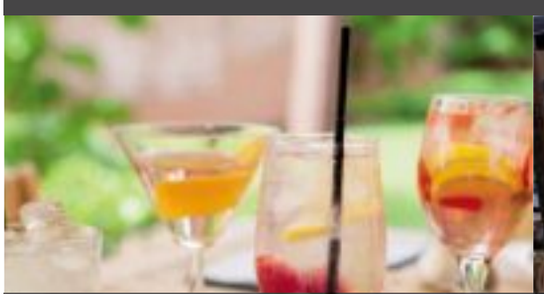

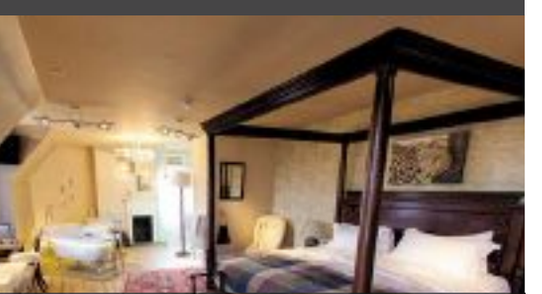

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COME TO A PARTY

Wardown Big Summer
Saturday 9 August, 10:30am-9:30pm
Wardown Park Museum

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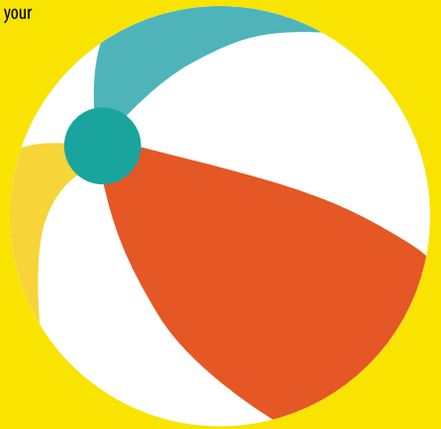

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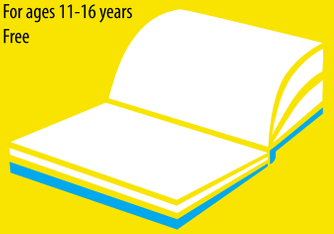

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Arthur & Mike	12-14 Aug & 10.30am 14 Aug
The Fault In Our Stars	15-17 Aug & 10.30am 19 Aug
Boyhood	18-21 Aug@7pm
A Promise	22-24 Aug & 10.30am 26 Aug
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Mood Indigo	28 Aug & 1-2 Sep*
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Last year the event attracted more than 500 participants and over 10,000 people and this year's event in Midsummer Boulevard is expected to be just as popular.

The parade, which is part of arts event MK Festival Fringe, will begin about 10am with dance performances, acrobatic displays, street entertainment and Samba drumming.

The procession will set off from near Grafton Gate at noon and is due to arrive in the Theatre District at around 1pm, where a lot more Fringe activities will take place.

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MILTON Keynes International Festival (IF) will finally arrive on Friday so here is your handy guide to some of the highlights taking place this week.

Ray Lee: Chorus, **pictured left**, is an impressive series of huge metal tripods with rotating arms which will tower above the audience. The free event takes place at the Fred Roche Gardens on Monday, Milton Keynes Central train station on Tuesday and The Hub on Wednesday.

Audiences at The Stables Spiegeltent in South Willen Lake Park can enjoy Frisky and Mannish, **pictured above**. The music maestro will present a new pop-comedy-mash-up on Wednesday, July 23 from 10pm. Tickets cost £10.

If you are quick you can still buy tickets to see indie pop band The Feeling who will be performing just before Frisky and Mannish – a ticket deal for the two shows is £30.

Iltopie's Fous de Bassin, Architects of Air's Pentalum and Kaffe Matthew's The lock shift songs will also be taking place this week.

360fun

MK LIFE is offering you the chance to win a fabulous trip to 360 Play.

We have teamed up with the popular attraction to offer 10 free family passes to the park, which offers a wide range of fun, active and creative play activities both inside and outside.

And there to join in with the fun are the popular 360 mascots, Twizzle, **pictured**, and Twirl.

So no matter what the weather decides, everyone is assured of a great day out in a clean, friendly, safe environment.

The attractions at 360 Play, which is based in Knowlhill, include a three-storey central play structure, featuring a giant slide, ball pools, crawl tunnels and rope climbs.

There is also a dodgem car track, carousel, 360 imagination street, a messy play area and seaside zone.

Then there is 'the great outdoors' with climbing palm trees, paddle boats and huge landscaped sandpit.

To be in with the chance of winning answer this question:

Which estate in Milton Keynes is 360 Play based in?
A) Knowlhill B) Beanhill
C) Winterhill C) Bleak Hall

To enter visit www.mkweb.co.uk/competitions You can also send your answer, name, address and daytime phone number to MK NEWS, 1 Diamond Court, Fox Milne, MK15 0DU by noon on Wednesday, July 23. The editor's decision is final

WIN a family pass to 360 play

irishdance

A THOUSAND years of Celtic history in two hours (phew, how tired must they be?).

Riverdance has spawned countless lookey-likey-dancey shows, some better then others. This one has got all the lightning speed, ram-rod backed, clickety-clackety steps performed by a line-up of energetic dancers, a live band and the three Young Irish Tenors.

There's a loose storyline involving two battling clans but don't go expecting a gripping plot; this is one for those who love to watch fast footwork and listen to the pounding rhythm of the bodhrán. Rhythm of the Dance is at MK Theatre on Friday and Saturday, July 18 and 19. Call 0844 871 7652.

online for the full interview with the shires visit mkweb.co.uk

theshires

RATHER than 'whispering' it, country music guru, Bob Harris, has been making quite a lot of noise about The Shires.

But then there's plenty to shout about.

The Shires are Ben Earle and Crissie Rhodes from just across the border in Bedfordshire.

Ben says: "We met through a friend on Facebook. We got on really well and our voices sounded great together. Though people said 'nobody really likes country music' we decided to go for it. Then we met someone who knew someone who had a friend in the industry."

Not just any old someone either. Music executive (married to DJ rock chick legend Jo Whiley) Steve Morton got on board.

"We couldn't really believe it," says Ben, "but country music is on the rise and it has changed a lot. It's a lot more accessible and a lot more 'pop-py' in the same way that Mumford and Sons suddenly made folk cool. We don't try to sing any differently than we speak. It's about the essence of country."

So don't try and write Nashville-style lyrics? "There are only so many rhymes for words like 'truck' and 'whiskey' anyway," says Ben.

But they did go to Nashville. They spent six days writing and then two weeks later, they recorded their very first album, which is due for release in September.

They've been signed by Decca in the UK and Universal Music Group in Nashville. They are currently on a tour of the UK and Ireland, there's a second album on the way while their first two singles, Nashville Grey Skies and Tonight, have been rapturously received.

"For us", says Ben, with more than a hint of self-consciousness, "the big thing is so clichéd. My job was in retail, selling mobile phones and now…it's just the fact that we are able to make music every day. We both think we're so lucky that we can keep on doing what we do."

See The Shires at the Stables, Wavendon, on July 24. For more information, or to book tickets, call 01908 280800, or visit www.stables.org

IN THIS month's column from The Parks Trust, Rebecca (Bex) Whatmore tells MK LIFE readers about her experience of being an intern with its community engagement team

IN SEPTEMBER I begin studying for a degree in geography at Loughborough University, so I jumped at the opportunity to become an intern at The Parks Trust.

My time here has been awesome. As an intern with the community engagement team, I assist education sessions, help run public events, attend conservation sessions and represent the trust at public occasions.

The events so far have been both enjoyable and incredibly varied. In my first week, I helped at Easter events, trained as a walk leader for the Walking Festival and assisted at the Canal & River Trust's annual Canal Clear Up between Fenny Lock and Giffard Park – where we dredged up multiple motorbike chassis and an armed dye box.

The most enjoyable event so far has been the Big Doggie Do. As a dog lover myself, it was a fabulous day featuring an amazing array of big and small dogs – and even ones in dresses!

Getting children excited about our parks is very important and it is a privilege to help encourage them to respect and understand their local environment.

Read more at **mkweb.co.uk**

fallguys

SO, YOU like what you know and you know what you like?

Well, how do you know what else you might like if you're not prepared to give it a try?

The current exhibition at MK Gallery is a case in point.

Cadences takes as its theme the idea of falling; whether that's bodies from the sky, musical notes or voices. It's challenging, weird and full of surprises. There's beauty in paintings that date from the 15th century and fabulous, crazy pottery circa 2014.

A film by Catherine Yass, shot from a remote controlled helicopter, circles the rooftops of London. It's scary but exciting. Go see it; you might like it.

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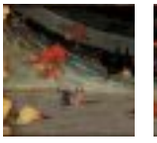

Top: Hendrick Goltzius, *Icarus* (1588); Right: Neri di Bicci: *The fall of the rebel angels with St Michael fighting the dragon* (detail), C.1480. Images courtesy the Museum Boijmans Van Beuningen

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filmreview

ABANDON all hope that Michael Bay will redeem himself, Transformers: Age of Extinction is the weakest of the franchise.

The mindless smashing of metallic fists and giant dinobot beasties does use spectacular special effects. But your senses are constantly pulverised by action, action, action and with no thread of a good story it's very hard going and, dare we say it, even boring.

Mark Wahlberg is the latest hero in the frame playing inventor Cade, a grumpy widower who objects to his daughter dating local petrol head Shane. He ends up buying a rusty old truck and attempts to fix it as he urges his daughter: "I'm asking you to look at the junk and see the treasure." Ironic really, considering the film itself fails to reveal any treasures at all. Autobots and Decepticons once again clash but now sinister black-ops chief Attinger plans to advance a Decepticon plot under pretences of a pro-human movement. It's as trying as it sounds.

Take away the shiny wrapping you're just left with scrap.

★★★★★ **Rachael West**

mkfringe

THE MK Festival Fringe – an eight day programme showcasing some of the most pioneering outdoor theatre, performance, visual arts, music, comedy and dance – starts tomorrow.

The events are presented within the surreal and vibrant landscape of Milton Keynes. Unusual spaces like buses, empty shops and street corners are transformed to become stages, theatres and galleries.

Here is a selection of events.

The Librarians, **pictured below**, is a new site-specific show by Pestiferous that will showcase dance, comedy, physical theatre and poetry at Milton Keynes Central Library.

This free 20-minute piece will be performed at 2pm and 4pm on Saturday and encourages audiences to join in with the show.

Moon On A Stick, **pictured right**, will bring their unique fusion of puppetry and live action to Westbury Arts Centre on Thursday, July 24.

They combine engaging story-telling with exciting visuals and music to present this unforgettable fable. Tickets cost £2.

comedycapers

IT'S good, clean fun from Patrick Monahan in Adventures of Monahan Land, which forms part of a huge comedy line-up at the MK Festival Fringe.

Patrick will perform at the Chrysalis Theatre in Japonica Lane from 7pm on Tuesday, July 22. Straight afterwards The Brendan Burns Show and The Lake Night Gimp Fight will be on at 8.15pm and 9.30pm, while the following day Augustus Stephens performs at 8pm.

Tickets cost £5 for all the shows, apart from Augustus Stephens, which costs £4, and they can be booked at www.eventbrite.co.uk

At MK Gallery there will also be three acts as part of the festival. For more information go to **www.mkweb.co.uk**.

Your essential guide to events big and small throughout Milton Keynes

MK life HOT PICKS

musicfestival

PROPERSTOCK! Music Festival returns to Bradwell Abbey on Saturday.

From noon enjoy 11 hours of free music from acts including Heart of a Coward, **pictured above**, who will perform from 10pm.

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cityorchestra

MUCH Ado about MK is a celebration concert to mark the 70th birthday of the remarkable Hilary Davan Wetton.

Hilary was the founder of MK City Orchestra, MK Music Service and MK Chorale. Tickets for the show, at Milton Keynes Theatre on Monday at 7.30pm, cost between £11.90 and £36.90. To book call 0844 871 7652.

danceday

FAMILIES United Network will bring Dance It Out to Monkston Park Community Centre on Saturday.

The event will raise funds for families with children who have additional needs. Doors open at 12.30pm and the fun will take place from 1-5pm. Tickets cost £10 per person or £20 for a family. See **www.mkweb.co.uk** for more details.

leofun

ENJOY a family fun day to help raise money for MK NEWS' charity of the year, Leo's Appeal.

The event, at the Coffee Hall Meeting Place from 11am-11pm on Saturday, will include a bouncy castle, tug of war, sack races, cakes, craft stalls and more.

There will also be a disco from 7pm. Tickets cost £2 per person on the day.

queenshow

ONE Night of Queen will be A Kind Of Magic!

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Little Horwood

THIS beautiful Grade II-listed thatched cottage dating back to the 15th century has been lovingly cared for and cherished by the current owner.

With many features, including exposed beams and picturesque views, this property is a magnificent find with plenty of history and character.

Sitting gracefully on approximately half an acre of land and accessed by a private roman road, this majestic cottage offers views over rolling countryside from both front and rear aspects.

The gardens have been beautifully landscaped and well stocked, offering peace and tranquillity.

Located in the delightful village of Little Horwood, the cottage was bought in 1970 by the current owner and has been the perfect home.

The accommodation comprises entrance hall, dining room, kitchen, ground floor bathroom, separate wc, lounge, master bedroom with alcove/study area and two further bedrooms.

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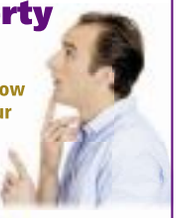

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£795,000

Loughton

- Four Bedroom Detached Georgian Home
- Exceptional Private Rear Garden
- Double Garage
- Off Road Parking for Multiple Vehicles
- Non Estate Location
- Close to Milton Keynes Central Station

An exceptional Georgian style property available for sale in the very popular location of 'Loughton'. This sizeable family home has a very large and private back garden and also boasts a double garage and parking.

£700,000

Milton Keynes

- Five Double Bedroom Detached Home
- Four Reception Rooms
- Three Bathrooms
- Private Driveway Parking
- Double Garage
- Extensive Gardens

Situated on a generous plot in Shenley Lodge this high specification property boasts a high degree of privacy, ample driveway and double garage.

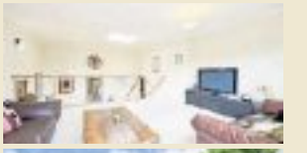
£650,000

Milton Keynes

- Four/Five Bedroom Detached Home
- Well Presented
- Sunroom
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Private Driveway & Garage
- Stunning Views Over Grand Union Canal

A well presented four/five bedroom detached property with stunning views over the Grand Union canal. This split level property offers versatile and spacious accommodation with a full width balcony taking full advantage of the views.

Guide Price £485,000



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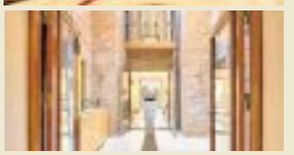
£1,250,000



Newport Pagnell

- Four Bedroom Cottage
- Period Charm with Modern Facilities
- Countryside Views
- Four Reception Rooms
- Lounge
- Garden

Wonderfully presented four/five bedroom character thatched cottage situated on a plot of approximately 0.5 acres, set well back from Cranfield Road in the highly sought after village of Moulsoe, close to Milton Keynes with excellent travel links to London.

£950,000

Great Linford

- Detached House
- Five Double Bedrooms
- Large Fitted Kitchen
- Four Reception Rooms
- Four Bathrooms
- Triple Garage

Exceptional five bedroom detached family home positioned in this quiet cul-de-sac in the popular Great Linford area. This property boasts a triple garage with gym/office/studio over, private drive suitable to park several vehicles and a private rear garden.

£800,000

North Crawley

- Barn Conversion
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Three Bathrooms
- Significantly Improved
- Off Road Parking

Surrounded by peaceful countryside on the fringe of the popular village of North Crawley and occupying a plot in the region of 1/2 an acre, this impressive barn conversion has been significantly improved by the current owners.

£795,000

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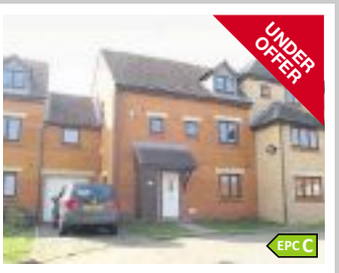
Pennyland £325,000
- Spacious Townhouse
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Garage & Mooring Rights

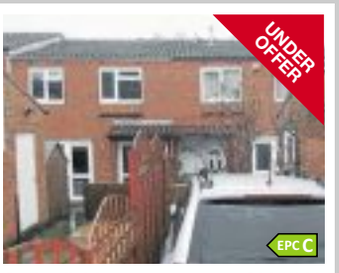


Oakhill £325,000
- Four Bedroom House
- Lounge/Diner/Study/Utility Room
- Two En-Suites
- Off Road Parking & Garage

Middleton £300,000
- Detached Home
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Off Road Parking

Stantonbury £240,000
- Semi Detached Home
- Four Bedrooms & Two Bathrooms
- Off Road Parking
- Rear Garden

Central Milton Keynes £240,000
- Terraced Home
- Five Bedrooms & Four Bathrooms
- Flexible Accommodation
- Off Road Parking



Springfield £225,000
- Terraced Home
- Four Bedrooms
- One Reception Room
- Garden & Off Road Parking

The Hub £215,000
- Top Floor Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- Central Location
- Master Bedroom with En-Suite

Oakhill £185,000
- Two Bedroom Apartment
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Off Road Parking

Springfield £180,000
- End Terraced House
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge & Kitchen/Diner
- Front & Rear Gardens & Ample Parking

Heelands £175,000
- Terraced Home
- Three Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Rear Garden & Off Road Parking

Campbell Park £132,000
- One Bedroom Apartment
- Reception Room
- Communal Gardens
- Resident Parking

Oldbrook £295,000
- Link Detached Home
- Three Bedrooms
- Garden
- Off Street Parking

Furzton £299,995
- Four Bedroom Property
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Front & Rear Gardens

Broughton £235,000
- Three Bedroom End Terraced Property
- En-Suite to Master Bedroom
- Gardens
- Off Road Parking

Neath Hill £225,000
- Link Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Garden

Neath Hill £269,995
- Link Detached Home
- Four Bedrooms
- Kitchen, Bathroom & Conservatory
- Cul-de-Sac Location

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Castlethorpe **£395,000**

- Four Bedroom Detached Home
- Three Reception Rooms
- Kitchen/Diner & Family Room
- Cloakroom & Family Bathroom
- Master Bedroom with En-Suite
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking & Garage
- Call Branch for Viewing

Cosgrove **OIEO £380,000**

- One Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Two Reception Rooms
- Exposed Beams
- Three Bathrooms
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- Subject to Planning Permission
- Off Road Parking
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Deanshanger **£300,000**

- Four Bedroom Detached Home
- Extended Accommodation
- Two Reception Rooms & Kitchen
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Family Bathroom & En-Suite to Master
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Ample Off Road Parking
- Garage

Haversham **£325,000**

- Detached Bungalow
- Four Double Bedrooms
- Two Family Bathrooms
- Conservatory
- Garage & Garden

Stony Stratford **£180,000**

- End Terraced Home
- Two Bedrooms
- Garage
- Off Road Parking

Two Mile Ash **£172,000**

- Terraced Home
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Garden
- Off Road Parking

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Furzton £385,000

- Four Bedroom Detached Home
- Three Bathrooms & En-Suite
- Utility Room
- Off Road Parking
- South Facing Garden & Three Sheds

Bletchley £210,000

- Three Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Extended Accommodation
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Separate Kitchen
- Off Road Parking

Bletchley £189,995

- End Terracked Home
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge, Dining Room & Kitchen
- Study & Utility Room
- Off Road Parking & Large Rear Garden

Broughton £325,000

- Four Bedroom Terraced Home
- Spacious Accommodation
- Large Kitchen/Diner
- En-Suite to Master Bedrooms
- Single Garage

Bletchley £150,000

- Similar Properties Required
- Semi Detached Home
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge, Kitchen & Diner

Bletchley £139,995

- Terraced Home
- Five Bedrooms
- Off Road Parking
- Garden & Residential Parking

Broughton £265,000

- Modern Semi Detached Home
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Family Bathroom

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Broughton £290,000

- Split Level Flat/Apartment
- Two Bedrooms & En-Suite
- Open Plan Lounge/Diner/Study
- Communal Gardens

Milton Keynes £275,000

- Three Bedroom Bungalow
- Conservatory & Re-fitted Kitchen
- Garage
- Cul-de-Sac Location

Monkston £230,000

- End Terraced Home
- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Garden

Broughton £170,000

- First Floor Maisonette
- Two Bedrooms
- Off Road Parking
- No Onward Chain

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Property of the week

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Bradville £365,000

Fantastic five bedroom detached property with stunning views over the canal, situated in the popular location of Bradville. The accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, WC, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility room and conservatory.

Broughton £290,000

A very well presented four bedroom townhouse situated on Shackerstone Close in Broughton. Comprising 16ft kitchen/diner, master with en-suite, family bathroom, attractive rear garden and garage. Internal viewings are highly recommended.

New Bradwell £229,995

Three bedroom end terraced property. Comprises lounge/diner, kitchen/breakfast room, conservatory and a family bathroom. Outside the rear garden has a decking area.

Furzton £213,000

Three double bedroom property. There is easy access to Lakes which is a favourite for walking and is situated in the popular location of Furzton.

Newport Pagnell £425,000

Chalet style four bedroom property set down a lane in the heart of Newport Pagnell, benefitting from a newly refurbished double garage, private walled rear garden and flexible living space.

Milton Keynes £400,000

Four bedroom detached property situated in a quiet cul-de-sac in close proximity to the canal. Comprises lounge, dining room, kitchen, en-suite, family bathroom, gardens and a double garage.

Newport Pagnell £349,500

A five bedroom detached property situated in the popular area of the Poets Newport Pagnell. Comprises plenty of living space, private enclosed garden, driveway and separate reception rooms.

Haversham £325,000

Three double bedroom detached property. Benefits from flexible living accommodation and boasts a master bedroom of twenty one square metres. There is parking for off road parking and a single garage.

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Last Few Remaining

East Milton Keynes From £131,950

This apartments located at Walton Grange are ideally suited for first time buyers, investors, those requiring commuter links, good school catchment, proximity to local lakes and parkland. The modern open plan living area boasts high quality kitchen with fitted units, oven and hob. The bathrooms are finished to a high standard with a choice of tiles available. Walton Grange is located close to Caldecotte Lake is and a short drive from the vibrant city of Milton Keynes, offering a wide range of shopping, restaurants, cinema, theatre, and night life.

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Selling Fast

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Corner Plot

South Milton Keynes £270.000

With an appealing L-shaped layout, the 3 bedroom Tildale has plenty of space for families. The kitchen/dining room both lead through French doors to the private rear garden. Upstairs, the landing leads to the en suite master bedroom, a further double bedroom, a third bedroom which could alternatively be used as a study, nursery or playroom, and a main bathroom. HELP TO BUY is available on this property.

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Must View

South Milton keynes

The Crofton is a three bedroom townhouse appeaingl to growing families or professional couples. The entrance hallway leads to a living/dining room with French doors to the garden. There's also a fitted kitchen/ breakfast room, a guest cloakroom.A spacious double bedroom,and a family bathroom are located off the first floor landing.
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The Chase £375,000

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Walton Park Offers In Excess **£315,000**

Wow!!! Is all you can say about this four bedroom house situated on the very popular residential area. The property has a fantastic newly fitted kitchen/breakfast room and a landscaped rear garden ideal for relaxing and entertaining. Viewing is highly recommended to appreciate the standard.

Broughton **£320,000**

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Pennyland **£325,000**

- Semi Detached
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Master Suite With Dressing Area & En-Suite
- Two Further Bedrooms
- Garage

Kingsmead Offers in Excess **£240,000**

- Semi Detached
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen/Breakfast
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Garage
- Gardens
- Viewing Highly Recommended

Bletchley **£195,000**

- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Bathroom
- Garage
- Double Glazed
- Radiator Heating
- Popular Area
- A Must See

Broughton Offers in Excess **£170,000**

- Town House
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens
- Driveway
- No Above Chain

Stony Stratford **£205,000**

- Townhouse
- Four Bedrooms
- Two En Suites
- Lounge Diner
- Kitchen Breakfast Room
- Utility Room
- Gardens
- Parking

Grange Farm **£299,995**

- Sought After Location
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Open Plan Living Area
- Kitchen
- Secure Entrance
- Parking
- Well Presented
- No Above Chain

Newport Pagnell **£160,000**

- Detached
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Gardens
- 70% Share
- Well Presented

Emerson Valley **£133,000**

- Semi Detached
- Lounge With Under Floor Heating
- Kitchen/Dining Area
- Two/Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Garage
- Gardens

Stantonbury Offers in Excess **£185,000**

- Top Floor Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- Open Plan Living
- Balcony
- Underground Parking
- No Upper Chain
- Good Condition Throughout
- Panaromic Views

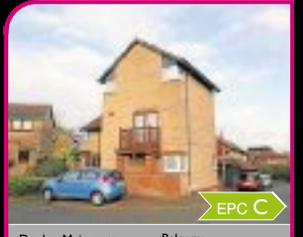
The HUB **£215,000**

- Detached
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Garage
- Gardens
- Viewing Recommended

Eaglestone **£189,950**

- Coach House
- One Bedroom
- Open Plan Lounge/Kitchenette
- Garage
- Off Road Parking
- Walking Distance of Bletchley Train Station
- FEES APPLY

Bletchley pcm **£725**

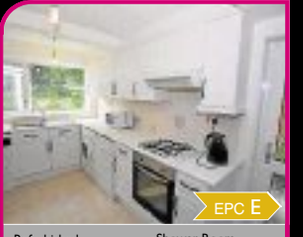


- Duplex Maisonette
- First Floor
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Balcony
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- FEES APPLY

Shenley Church End pcm **£800**

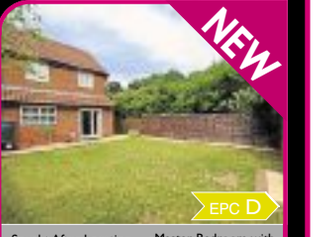
- Two Bedrooms
- Open Plan Living Area
- Lounge with Juliet Balcony
- Secure Entrance
- Designated Parking Space
- Secure Bike Store
- Close to M1 Motor Way
- FEES APPLY

Broughton pcm **£850**



- Refurbished
- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Conservatory
- Shower Room
- Private Garden
- New Flooring
- FEES APPLY

Bletchley pcm **£1,100**



- Sought After Location
- Detached Home
- Three Bedrooms
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- Garage
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Monkston pcm **£1,200**

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Estimate £2,000 - £3,000

Lot 108

Beswick Group

Estimate £200 - £300

Lot 90

Clarice Cliff Biscuit Barrel

Estimate £250 - £300

Lot 253 **Collection of Dinky Toys (Boxed)**

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Lot 240

Art Deco lamp

Estimate £30 - £50

Lot 490

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Lot 414

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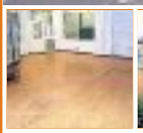

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- Re-fitted upstairs bathroom
- UPVC double glazing to rear aspect
- Original features
- One & a half width garage

WOLVERTON £235,000

- Three bedroom end of terrace
- En-suite to master bedroom
- Fitted kitchen with built in appliances
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Utility room
- Sealed unit double glazing
- No upper chain

WESTCROFT £370,000

- Four bedroom detached family home
- Two en-suite shower rooms
- Three separate reception rooms
- UPVC double glazing
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Off road parking for 2 cars
- Cul-de-sac location

NEW BRADWELL O.I.E.O. £140,000

- Two bedrooms
- Converted ground floor apartment
- UPVC double glazing
- Kitchen with integrated appliances
- Allocated parking space
- No upper chain

WOLVERTON £215,000

- Commercial end of terrace property
- Retail or office use
- Potential for flat conversion STP
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- Garage
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Closing date for applications: 4.00pm on Wednesday 23rd July 2014

Interviews are expected to take place during week commencing Monday 28th July 2014

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£15,317.58 per annum (based on 37 hours per week, 39 weeks per annum)
We require a Level 3 Teaching Assistant to join our vibrant school from September 2014. Responsibilities will include implementing agreed work programmes with individuals and small groups, in or out of the classroom, as well as assisting staff in the management and preparation of resources. It is essential that the successful candidate will already have at least two years' experience of working with young people.

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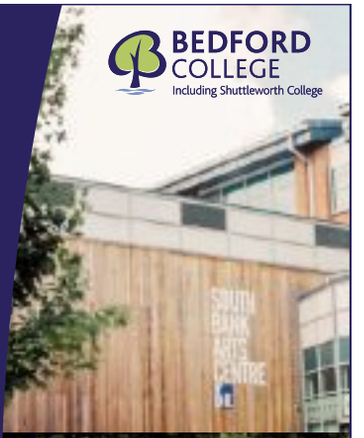

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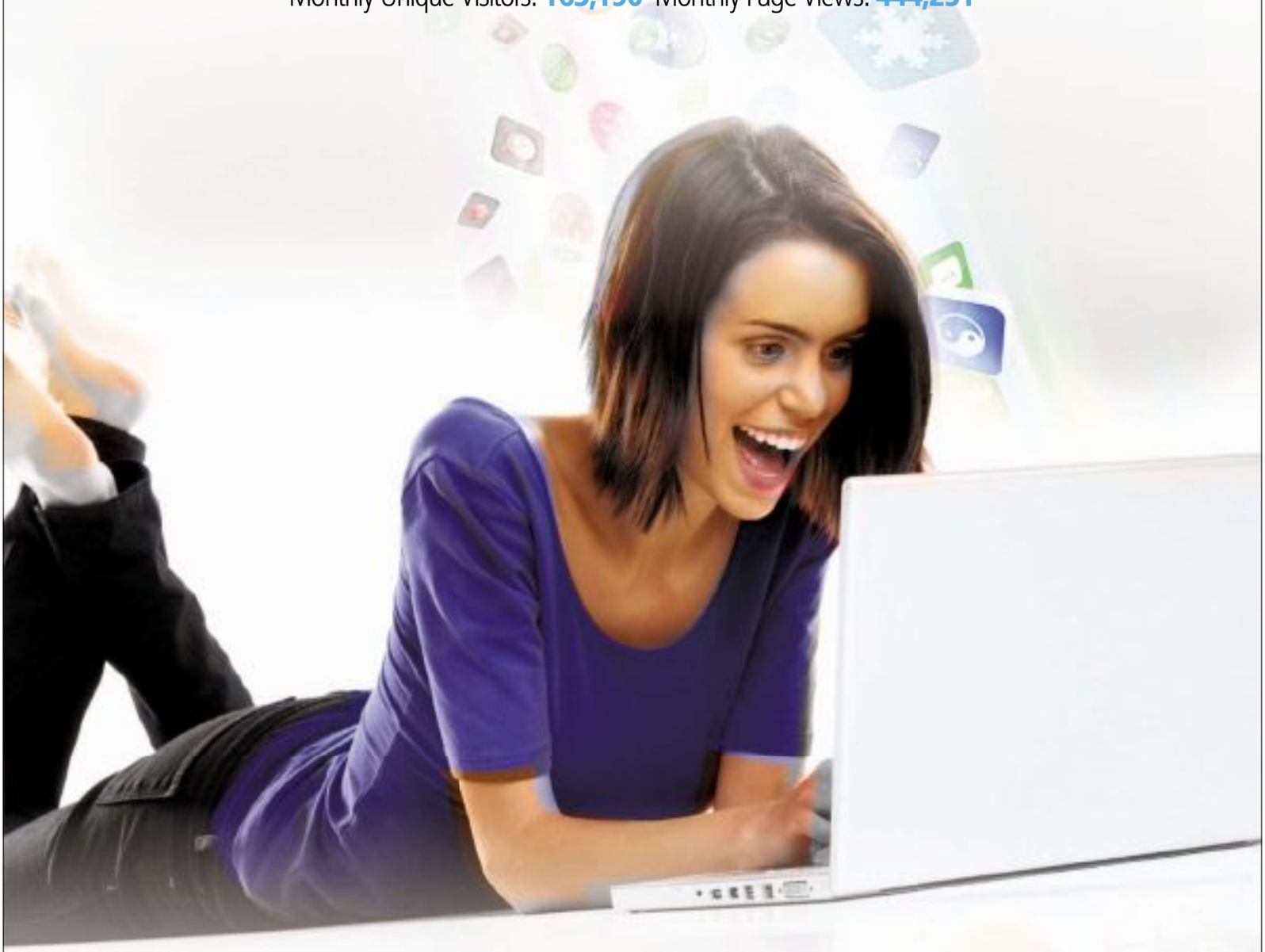

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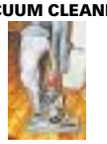

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MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL

NOTICE FOR WEBSITE OF APPLICATION FOR A NEW PREMISES LICENCE

NOTICE is hereby given that: Shirley Ann Fredua Agyeman-Pempeh

Has applied to **THE LICENSING AUTHORITY AT MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL for a NEW PREMISES LICENCE**

At: Coconut Grove Cuisine, CBX Building, 466Midsummer Boulevard, Milton Keynes MK9 2EA

The following licensable activities are proposed during the following times:

Supply of Alcohol **Monday to Sunday** 12:00 to 23:00
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Recorded Music **Sunday to Wednesday** 10:00 to 22:00
Thursday to Saturday 10:00 to 23:00

Late Night refreshment 12:00 to 03:00 on non standard timings only
Full details of the application can be seen further on in this document.

Any person or responsible authority wishing to make representations either against or in support of the application must do so in writing by the following date: **6th August 2014**

To the following address: **LICENSING TEAM**

COMMUNITY WELLBEING DIRECTORATE
MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL
CIVIC OFFICES
1 SAXON GATE EAST
MILTON KEYNES MK9 3EJ
01908 252800
Email: licensing@milton-keynes.gov.uk

Representations received in response to this application will ordinarily be made available for public inspection, including disclosure to the applicant and any relevant responsible authorities unless agreed otherwise. Representations must relate to one or more of the licensing objectives (namely crime and disorder, public nuisance, public safety, or protection of children from harm.)

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The application for a premises licence has been made to the following licensing authority:
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CIVIC OFFICES, 1 SAXON GATE EAST
CENTRAL MILTON LEYNES, Postcode: MK9 3EJ

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Information about the application is available from the licensing authority, including the arrangements for viewing the details of the application

The following person connected with the applicant is able the give further information about the application:

MANJINDER SINGH MADHAR
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Any representations under 161 of the gambling Act 2005 must be made no later the following date: 03-08-14

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Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982

Application of Grant/Renewal/Transfer of Sex Establishment Licence

TAKE NOTE that an application has been made to Milton Keynes Council by Richard Winterbottom

for the /Renewal/ of a Sex Establishment Licence in respect of the premises known as:
Phoenix Gentlemen's Club permitting the premisses to be open during the following days at the times specified:-
Monday - Saturday 10pm - 5am

ANY PERSON wishing to oppose the application should write to Regulatory Advice and Licensing, Milton, Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Central Milton Keynes MK9 3EJ

Letters of objection or letters of support should be sent to the Regulatory Advice and Licensing within 21 days of the date of this notice.

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Milton Keynes Council

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 2013/14
Audit Commission Act 1998, sections 15 - 16
Accounts and Audit Regulations 2011 Regulations 9,10,21,22 and 23

The Council's accounts are subject to external audit by the appointed auditor Mick West, Ernst & Young LLP of 400 Capability Green, Luton, LU1 3LU. Members of the public and local government electors have certain rights in the audit process:

1. From Thursday 7th August 2014 to Thursday 4th September 2014 between 9.00am and 5.00pm any person may inspect the accounts of the Council for the year ended 31st March 2014 and certain related documents (comprising books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts) at the address given below. They may also make copies of the accounts and documents.
2. From Friday 5th September 2014 until the conclusion of the audit process, a local government elector for the area of the Council, or his/her representative, may make enquiries of the auditor in writing about the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2014. Please contact the auditor at the address given above to make arrangements to ask any questions.
3. From Friday 5th September 2014 until the conclusion of the audit process, a local government elector for the area of the Authority, or his/her representative, may (under section 16 of the Audit Commission Act 1998) object to the Authority's accounts asking that the auditor issue a report in the public interest (under section 8 of the Audit Commission Act 1998) and/or apply to the court for a declaration that an item in the accounts is contrary to law (under section 17 of the Audit Commission Act 1998). Written notice of a proposed objection and the grounds on which it is made must be sent to the auditor at the address given above and copied to me at the address given below.

16th July 2014

Milton Keynes Council — Tim Hannam
Saxon Court, 502 Avebury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes, MK9 3HS — Corporate Director - Resources

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (DELAWARE DRIVE AND YEOMANS DRIVE, BLAKELANDS) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING) ORDER 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes proposes to make an Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, which will affect all classes of vehicle and will have the following effects:-

- The introduction of 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions on both sides of the carriageway along lengths of Delaware Drive and Yeomans Drive, Blakelands, Milton Keynes.

Exemptions from the proposed Order include emergency service vehicles, military vehicles, statutory undertakers, building, demolition and excavation, disabled persons badge holders, and some others.

Copies of the proposed Order together with maps showing the areas referred to, and a Statement of Reasons for proposing the order may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes.

Any objections to the proposals, together with the grounds on which they are made, must be **made in writing** and sent to the undersigned **to be received** no later than 6th August 2014 quoting reference PH-S1-TRO-093.

16 July 2014

Synergy Park, Chesney Wold, Bleak Hall, Milton Keynes — John Pryor, Assistant Director – Public Realm Service Group

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (V5 GREAT MONK STREET AND STRATFORD ROAD (PARTS), WOLVERTON) (TEMPORARY 30 MPH AND 40 MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends in not less than 7 days from the date of this Notice, to make an order under Section 14(4) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which is to temporarily prohibit vehicles from proceeding along parts of V5 Great Monk Street and Stratford Road, Wolverton at speeds in excess of 30 mph and 40 mph, whilst in order to allow safe access whilst essential construction works are carried out. It is anticipated that the temporary speed restrictions will be in effect from 28th July 2014.

The affected lengths of road that will be as follows:-

1. No vehicles, except for emergency services, military vehicles and vehicles being used in connection with the construction works, shall be permitted to exceed the temporary speed restriction of 30 mph along the following lengths of road:-
   - V5 Great Monk Street from its junction with Stratford Road Wolverton to the centre line of its junction with High Park Drive, Wolverton Mill
   - Stratford Road, Wolverton from its junction with V5 Great Monk Street for a distance of 110 metres in a westerly direction
   - Stratford Road, Wolverton Mill from its junction with V5 Great Monk Street for a distance of 310 metres in an easterly direction
2. No vehicles, except for emergency services, military vehicles and vehicles being used in connection with the construction works, shall be permitted to exceed the temporary speed restriction of 30 mph along the following lengths of road:-
   - V5 Great Monk Street from its junction with High Park Drive, Wolverton Mill to its junction with Greenleys Roundabout
   - Stratford Road from a point 110 metres west of its junction with V5 Great Monk Street for a distance of 275 metres in a westerly direction

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the proposed order, other than for emergency services vehicles, and military vehicles whilst being driven on operational duties.

The temporary speed restriction will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

The proposed Order will come into operation on Monday 28th July 2014 and the restrictions will be in force on the dates and at the times shown above and when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs.

Any person committing a breach of the proposed order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

16 July 2014

Synergy Park, Chesney Wold, Bleak Hall, Milton Keynes — John Pryor, Assistant Director – Public Realm Service Group

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (AYLESBURY STREET (PART), FENNY STRATFORD) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes, for the purpose of facilitating the holding of a community event namely the Fenny Poppers Festival, which is being promoted by Mr Tony Keller, intends to make an order under Section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit all vehicles from entering, proceeding or waiting, and to temporarily suspend all parking bays, along that part of Aylesbury Street, Fenny Stratford, Milton Keynes from its junction with Watling Street to its junction with Vicarage Road. It is anticipated that the closure will be in effect from 00.01 am on Saturday 16th August 2010 until 8.00 am on Monday 18th August 2014 inclusive.

The alternative route will be via Watling Street, Victoria Road and Vicarage Road, Fenny Stratford, and vice versa.

There shall be no exemptions from the provisions of the order apart from emergency services vehicles and vehicles facilitating or being used in connection with the Fenny Poppers Festival.

Pedestrian access to and egress from properties and premises along the route will be maintained throughout the closure.

The proposed order will come into operation on 16th August 2010 at 00:01 am and will continue in operation for a maximum of 3 days or until the completion of the relevant event, whichever shall be the earlier, but it is anticipated that the closure will be in effect until 8.00 am on Monday 18th August 2014.

A copy of the proposed order, a statement of the Council's reasons for proposing it and a map indicating its location and effect may be inspected at Central Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard and at Bletchley Library, Westfield Road, Bletchley, Milton Keynes during normal opening hours and at the offices of Milton Keynes Council, at the address below, during normal office hours, quoting reference number PH-516A-TTRO-483.

Vehicular and pedestrian access to premises shall be maintained throughout the closure. There shall be no exemptions from the provisions of the order other than for emergency services vehicles and vehicles being used in connection with the Fenny Poppers Festival. All local residents and businesses affect by the closure will be notified in writing by the organizers of the event. The closure will be signed by the organizers in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs manual.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

16 July 2014

Synergy Park, Chesney Wold, Bleak Hall, Milton Keynes — John Pryor, Assistant Director – Public Realm Service Group

Milton Keynes Council

The following applications may be inspected at the Planning, Economy and Development Department, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes. Representations, if any, to be submitted in writing to the above address within 21 days of the publication of this notice.

SECTION 73	**WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**
14/01209/FUL	Demolition of existing boundary wall and shed and erection of detached double garage at 70 Stratford Road, Wolverton
14/01418/FUL	Removal of existing hedge along front boundary to be replaced with masonry wall and entrance gates at 11 Leys Road, Loughton
14/01428/FUL	Construction of car port, covered way and porch canopy roof at 30 Boulters Lock, Giffard Park
14/01445/FUL	Replacement windows at 100 Jersey Road, Wolverton
14/01450/FUL	Two storey side and single storey rear extensions at 18 Olney Road, Emberton
14/01451/FUL	Replacement of windows and doors at Flat 1A, 46 High Street, Newport Pagnell
14/01478/FUL	Conversion and extension of existing outbuildings into annex accommodation (re-submission 14/00696/FUL) at 10 High Street, Sherington
14/01481/TCA	Notification of intention to reduce by 30%, shape and remove any dead wood from 1x Yew tree, 1x Holly tree, 1x Cypress tree and 1x Laburnham tree at 171 High Street, Stony Stratford
14/01484/TCA	Notification of intention to reduce by one third the crown height, lifting crown, cutting branches of 4 x Yew trees, 5 x Sycamore trees, 1 x small Cherry tree and mixture of small trees, remove to ground level 1 x Popular tree, 1 x Horse Chestnut tree, 1x Ramsham tree at 24-26 High Street, Great Linford
14/01521/TCA	Notification of intention to crown reduce by 30-50% 1 x Yew tree (T1), 1 x Maple tree (T2) and 1 x Cherry tree (T3) at The Old Coach House, Pitcher Lane, Loughton
SECTION 67 & 73	**LISTED BUILDING WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**
14/01397/FUL	Conversion of first and second floors to 3 apartments with first floor extension; internal alterations to rear ground floor; conversion of outbuilding to 2 bed dwelling; conversion of garage to dwelling and creation of new car parking to rear (resubmission of 13/00959/FUL) at 73 High Street, Stony Stratford
14/01398/LBC	Listed building consent for the conversion of first and second floors to 3 apartments with first floor extension; internal alterations to rear ground floor; conversion of outbuilding to 2 bed dwelling; conversion of garage to dwelling; new car parking to rear (resubmission of 13/00960/LBC) at 73 High Street, Stony Stratford
14/01442/FUL	Single storey rear extension (resubmission 14/00072/FUL) at 100 High Street, Olney
14/01523/LBC	Listed building consent to repair glass veranda over front entrances to property at 2 The Stables, Crawley Grange, Pound Lane, North Crawley
SECTION 67 & 73	**AFFECTING THE SETTING OF A LISTED BUILDING IN A CONSERVATION AREA**
14/01449/FUL	Erection of 2 metre high close boarded fence for a temporary period of 5 years to allow hedge to establish at Stratford House, Mill Lane, Stony Stratford
SECTION 67	**LISTED BUILDING**
14/01378/FUL	Single storey rear extension and re-roofing of existing extension at White Cottage, 456 Simpson, Simpson Village
14/01379/LBC	Listed building consent for a single storey rear extension and re-roofing of existing extension at White Cottage, 456 Simpson, Simpson Village

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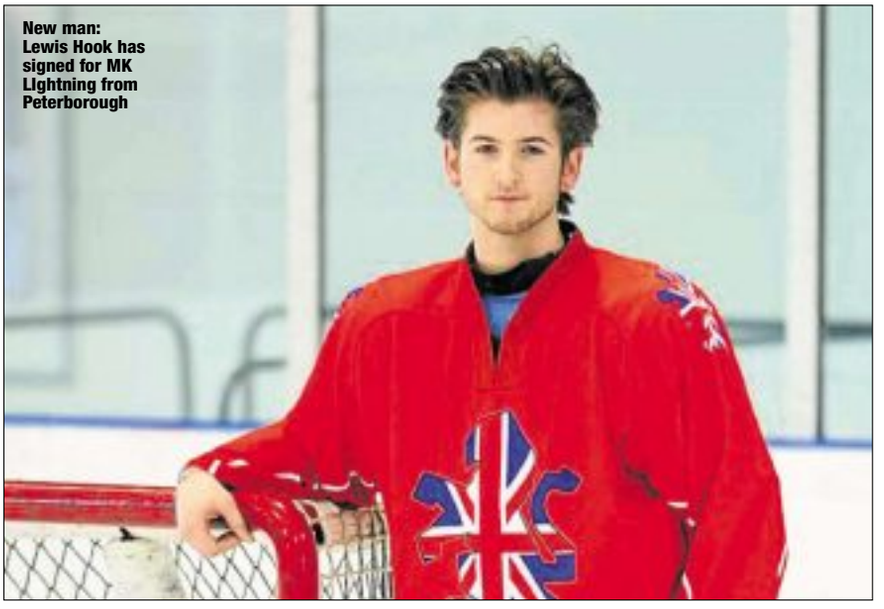

New man: Lewis Hook has signed for MK Lightning from Peterborough

MK LIGHTNING will look to improve their fine track record for developing young talent after the signing of much-admired forward Lewis Hook for the 2014-15 season from Peterborough Phantoms.

Hook, who will celebrate his 18th birthday shortly before the new season gets underway, rose up through the youth system in Peterborough.

He made his English Premier League debut with the Phantoms in the 2012-13 season, making an impact with his skill and speed and marking him out as a star of the future.

In 2011 Lewis represented Great Britain at an ice hockey skills challenge in Finland, which led to his selection for Team GB at the inaugural Youth Winter Olympic Games in Innsbruck in January 2012.

He has played 15 competitive games for Great Britain at U18 level and five at U20 level, most recently at the World Junior Championships in Dumfries last January – featuring in a TV documentary about the team's participation alongside his team-mates, including Lightning's Jordan Cownie and Jordan Hedley. That competition saw him win the award for best face off percentage, and at Peterborough's end-of-season awards earlier this year, he took the title of young player of the season.

The quality of coaching available and reputation of the Lightning were key in helping Hook make his decision to move to Milton Keynes.

"I had some good chats with Nick Poole and some others about MK, and all I got back was positive comments," he said.

"I really feel that Nick can help me with my game, and I'm sure working with my new team-mates will really help, too."

Head Coach Poole added: "I'm really excited about bringing Lewis to MK.

"He is a young talent that brings speed, skill, energy and youth to our team – all areas that I feel we need to improve on from last year.

"He has a huge amount of potential."

TENNIS

Tennis ace one to watch

Just short: Dylan Smith, 12, is a tennis star to watch for the future

TOP tennis prospect Dylan Smith insists he is more determined than ever to see his name up in lights after falling just short of booking his place in a prestigious tournament at Wimbledon.

The MK 12-year-old, who has long been one to look out for in the sport, competed in the HSBC Road to Wimbledon East Regional Qualifier at Gosling Sports Park in Welwyn Garden City.

Smith was aiming to secure his spot at next month's HSBC Road to Wimbledon 14 & Under Challenge at the All England Club but couldn't find a way past Daniel Martin, eventually losing in the quarter-finals 4-6, 6-4, 6-4.

But despite missing out, the Ousedale School pupil insists there is more to come from him.

"I'd never played a full three set match before, so perhaps my fitness levels weren't quite there, but I nearly won and I'm really pleased with my performance," said Smith, who is a member of Milton Keynes Tennis Club.

"My stamina is something I need to work on so I can keep going for the whole match and I also want to improve my serve and get more power so I can pick up some more easy points.

"I'd love to be able to get to Wimbledon in this tournament in the future. I went there earlier this year and the whole setup is amazing and it would be great to get out there on the court."

The HSBC Road to Wimbledon 14 & Under Challenge began in 2002 and is an All England Club junior event supported by the LTA, with 850 clubs, parks and schools involved in the competition.

Former Davis Cup captain and tournament director Paul Hutchins believes Smith is one to watch out for.

He said: "Hopefully Dylan will be inspired to enter the event next year and be spurred on to achieve great things in his junior career.

"And who knows, maybe he'll play at Junior Wimbledon during the Championships or even as a pro player in the main draw."

The HSBC Road to Wimbledon National 14 & Under Challenge is the UK's largest national junior grass court tournament and forms part of HSBC's investment in the stars of the future.

CRICKET

Wolverton up to second with five-run victory

Northants Premier League

STONY Stratford lost by eight wickets against Finedon Dolben.

Russell White was top scorer for Stony with 35 as they were dismissed for 145 in 52 overs.

White was also the pick of the bowlers, with 1-13 from his five overs, but Finedon reached their target in the 38th over as Greg Evans struck 60 not out, and Greig Hofbauer was unbeaten on 46.

Cherwell Cricket League

WOLVERTON Town moved up to second in Division One with a five-run success over Oxford Downs. Wolverton were all out for 118, but they managed to restrict their opponents to 113 to seal victory.

Great Brickhill suffered a four-wicket defeat to Cumnor. Anton De Beer struck 40 but his team were out for 124, and Cumnor hit their target in the 42nd over.

In Division Three Bletchley Town lost by three wickets to Banbury Thirds, despite a good score of 55 from Steve Talbot.

Four Counties League

NORTH Crawley got back to winning ways as they chased down Biddenham's 242 to win by five wickets in Division One. Pete Barnes struck 64 and opener Glenn Young hit 51 in the chase.

New City beat Olney Town by 54 runs as Vishal Amratlal Valambhia picked up a five-wicket haul. New City reached 164 in the first innings, with Amit Mulay top-scorer on 38, but Olney could only muster up 110 in reply.

Milton Keynes clung on to a losing draw at Eaton Bray, who were 254-8 in the first innings. MK were 206-9 in reply.

Eggington Foresters conceded their match against Milton Keynes City.

SPORTSSHORTS

GOLF

AFTER being just three shots off the lead going into the final day of the Women's British Open at Royal Birkdale, Woburn Golf Club professional Charley Hull finished six shots adrift. The 18-year-old told the BBC on Sunday: "I played rubbish today to be honest, but I learned a lot from this round."

ATHLETICS

The TRIP to Newham was well worth the effort for the Marshall Milton Keynes Athletic club's Sweatshop Southern Athletics League team as they once again dominated the match. The team now look set for promotion at the end of the season but obviously this depends on their last match of the season on August 2.

At an International Meeting in Donnas, Italy, Joey Duck set a wind assisted Personal Best of 23.44 (w+2.9) to finish second in the 200m. She also took fourth spot in the 100m recording 11.70s.

In London at the JP Morgan Challenge 5.6km road race around Battersea Park, Lara Bromilow won the women's event, finishing 117th overall.

TABLE TENNIS

NATIONAL Table Tennis Day is taking place at Station Square tomorrow at 1pm with Commonwealth Games and Milton Keynes star Andrew Baggaley. He will also be at Middleton Hall today for the launch of Ping! by Table Tennis England.

KORFBALL

KORFSTOCK saw 27 teams take part, including four from host team MK Lakers. From their teams Kalua finished eighth, Hula came home 18th, Poi were 26th and WikiWiki finished 27th as The Hoods won overall.

FOOTBALL

NEW City Stars football team are still looking for more players after reporting a healthy growth approaching their first anniversary.

The team is looking forward to introducing girls football soon as the men's team is set to start the new season in the North Bucks Saturday League.

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Milton Keynes City U14 Girls are also looking for new players – for more information phone 07753 581706 or emailjustin.vroone@mkcityfc.com.

ROLLER DERBY

THE MK Concrete Cows played their third game of the Heartland Series at the weekend, beating hosts The Norfolk Brawds 272-52 to retain top spot. MK Roller Derby's next event will be a home game at Bletchley Leisure Centre on August 10.

TAEKWONDO

THREE students from the city represented Chand Institute will travel to Rome to compete at the ITF World Championships.

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All three have previously won European Championship medals.

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Robbo blames bad advice for Galloway leaving wish

BY SCOTT KIRK

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MK DONS manager Karl Robinson believes that Brendan Galloway has been poorly advised after the young defender/midfielder handed in a transfer request last week.

Galloway, 18, has been strongly linked with a big money move to Everton, and Robinson says he was gutted to learn of the youngster's request to leave, which he handed over to the club last Friday through his advisors.

"Obviously I'm very disappointed in his advisors and I think he has been advised wrongly," Robinson told MK NEWS.

"I'm absolutely gutted. I feel hurt and let down – I gave him his debut and I stood by him even in the context of him being sent off against Rotherham, but I will continue to be there for Brendan. I'm really disappointed in how this materialised but it's the way the industry works."

Chairman Pete Winkelman has even expressed his 'devastation' at the request from Galloway, who has another year left on his contract.

"We are devastated that Brendan wishes to leave as we feel our first team is the best place for him at the moment and his continuing development," said Winkelman.

"There has been interest from several Premier League sides in Brendan and we fully appreciate the lure of the top flight is enormous.

"We accept that Brendan may have played his last game for the club, but we will remain in discussions with interested parties to ensure MK Dons receives the best possible deal for one of the country's brightest young talents."

But another prospect who has not expressed the same desire to leave, to the delight of Robinson, is 18-year-old midfielder Dele Alli, who scored a brace in Dons' first pre-season game of the campaign – the 6-0 win over part-timers St. James's Gate in Ireland on Monday night.

"Dele will stay until the right deal comes along because he cares about the football club," Robinson said.

"We all know where Dele is destined to go, and I am enjoying working with him."

As well as Alli's brace, new striker Tom Hitchcock got himself on the scoresheet in Dublin, alongside Giorgio Rasulo and second-year scholars Kabongo Tshimanga and Kyran Wiltshire.

It was a lot more comfortable than last year's meeting, when the score between the two sides was 2-0, and Robinson was happy that his strikers were able to get on target.

"We don't tend to score as many goals as that so it was nice that the goals were spread among the youngsters," the Liverpudlian said.

"For the first time in a long time we stepped out onto that football pitch and there was a sense of enthusiasm which I've not seen for a long time.

"It's nice for strikers to score goals especially in pre-season.

"It was great to see Darren Potter on the pitch after his injury last season and for Dean Bowditch to play after his problems, so there were plenty of bonuses and we couldn't ask for any more from this trip."

Robinson also cryptically revealed that the club may be close to signing a new striker.

When asked how the search for a new frontman was going, he said: "We're not far away."

Up and running: Danny Green watches on in the Dons' new kit for 2014/15 as Karl Robinson's men beat St. James's Gate 6-0. Picture: Lee Scriven

Injury rears its ugly head again for Rutherford in Glasgow warm-up

GREG Rutherford has vowed to return to Scotland with a bang at the Commonwealth Games after being hit by an injury scare at the Sainsbury's Glasgow Grand Prix dress rehearsal this weekend.

Olympic long jump champion Rutherford arrived at Hampden Park, the athletics venue for the Glasgow 2014 Games, looking to lay down an early marker for the event.

But the British record holder's assault never even got off the ground in Scotland on Saturday as he pulled out in the warm up with a knee injury and therefore did not compete.

It couldn't have come at a worse time for Milton Keynes' Rutherford, with the long jump scheduled for July 29-30, but the 27-year-old is adamant he will make it up to the Scottish crowd when he returns north of the border as he attempts to add to his astounding London 2012 Olympics success.

"I was really excited to jump in Glasgow and test the venue before coming back for the Commonwealth Games," said Rutherford, who hopes to compete throughout the Summer Series events as well.

"Sadly during the warm up I ended up with a nerve irritation in the back of my knee.

"I'd like to apologise for not competing and hope to make up for it in two weeks at the Commonwealth Games."

Rutherford's career has been plagued with injury, with him suffering from foot and hamstring problems prior to his London 2012 success.

He claimed the British record with a jump of 8.51m in May and has spoken of his desire for further major titles.

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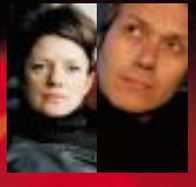

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